Portland Estates Elementary School

School Advisory Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2024

1. Welcome
2. Review of Agenda
3. Review of Minutes- February
   1. First- Michele, Second - Chelsey
4. School Report
5. Staffing/Enrollment – 383 – PP- 38

P – 46, 1-54, 2-63, 3-57, 4-60, 5- 65 (1)

Another grade 5 starting April 22nd

Enrollment Projections for 2024-2025, 15 classes

PP- 28, P-50,1- 47, 2-54, 3-62, 4- 59, 5-60

2 new primaries have enrolled to be added to the above numbers.

1st configuration will be tomorrow or early next week. Looks like we will keep 15 classes with around 360 students. Hoping for more PP enrollments. Excel is down 3 leaders, there are staffing issues.

1. NSTU grants- March 1 & 4- Dyslexia – Nuts & Bolts of Reading
   1. Scottish rights and staff had a meeting with 10K grant. Staff enjoyed it. Allison Connors and Emily McLennan.
2. Composites & Yearbook
3. Parent/Teacher/PD April 4
   1. PD included PD, cultural continuum, and then Parent teacher.
4. Progress Reports/IPPS/Adaptations- reviews
   1. Went out Tuesday before PT
5. Disrupting Diversity review
   1. African NS student who is on an IPP, reviewed the plan next is 26 April.
6. African Heritage month- Maritime Centre, Hip Hop,
7. Coins for Books
8. Book Bureau
   1. Deadline for spending was April 9th. Teachers purchased books, science supplies, etc.
9. Student teachers – Shelby Brunet, Ainsley, Karrie Humble, Aiden Drew
   1. Last day was April 10, Aiden drew is coming to be in 2Me.
10. Pottery lab /field trips- Tattoo, Ellenvale Band Concerts
    1. Tattoo-everyone is going except two grade 1 classes June 26th.
11. Author – Nancy Rose
12. Cafeteria
    1. Started with Milk program until end of June. Wendy had to take a couple days off, so the cafe was closed for 2 days.
13. Three Braids
    1. Indigenous training for Louise and Jackie
14. PTO events – Staff Appreciation, Consignment Sale- Volunteers – O2 students
    1. High school students from the LC will start volunteering.
15. Preprimary FAQs
    1. Starting to take financial duties (signing off on their visa, etc.)
16. Lunch monitors/subs- still in need.
17. School Advisory Council
18. Grade Six Assessment Data
    1. Did share the data even though we don’t have them at PEES. If a student uses a scriber or computer, there were no insufficient. Did they not have the adaptable to use the scribe or computer? This is for grade 6s at Ellenvale for this year. Hard for us to compare because they aren’t at PEES since we don’t have access to their TIENET or PS. Something was missing, at least 4 or 5 were expected to be insufficient because of their known adaptation. Louise can ask her supervisor and student services, but Ellenvale has another supervisor. Lousie to talk to Denise and Cathy
19. Grade Three Assessment Data
    1. Students who wrote in May. Math had 5 students who were marked less than 5, they had adaptations and support. But most of the students were consistent with the assessment and the report cards. 1 of the 5 is indigenous and 1 is African NS. We have applied for the supports and what we can put in place to prepare them in the next few weeks before working it.
20. Literacy Data
    1. Was good. Woodlawn high family, Elementary we are up from 73% first term and now as 80% for P-2. Primary 76% of them are meeting. Grade 1 66.7% that are meeting. Grad e2 are at 91% are meeting. Grade 1 was ELS and reading recovery showing good gains. Some have SLD for support for Grade 2s.
21. NSTU Strike Vote
    1. April 11, 2024, closes at 8pm. 100% turnout for voting. They have 2 weeks cooling off and then must wait 45 days before being able to strike.
22. EDI results
    1. Early development Inventory. Teachers send out. Results show breakdown into subjects. We had 53 based on 47 students and there were only a certain number of them from the parents.
23. New SAC announcements – follow-up – ideas for the Grant
    1. Involving new members. Asking Woodlawn high Family of Schools, Emily McLennan is leading this.
    2. Experts for Families – anxiety, maturity; older students, school liaison officer, how to deal with people bumping into you. Most schools are on board with this.
24. Intensive French
    1. Michele talked about the information session. A google form was sent out and great response. First come, first served. 31 students from PEES applied for this and they all got in.
25. Lunch program.
    1. Waiting to find out what this will look like. Louise had a meeting with the supervisor and had 2 google forms to complete.
26. Black Educators & RED
    1. Friday May 3, Regional Director will host NSTU and PSAANS person who identifies as a person of African Ancestry. They will focus on strength and challenges they face in our system while being able to make important connections with each other.
27. May
    1. Terry Kelly may do a performance.
    2. Award in memory of Max, liked science, to build criteria around Max.
28. Adjournment – Next meeting –May 2, 2024