Portland Estates Elementary School
School Advisory Council

November 2, 2023

Minutes

**Welcome**

**In attendance- Chelsey Myers, Cheryl Clarke, Michele Merrick, Scott Craig, Louise Henman-Poirier, Jackie Broussard**

**Regrets- Wendi Murray-Jennings, Dave Tello, Jamie Langille**

**Review of Agenda- motioned to accept and moved.**

**Review of Minutes- Oct 5, 2023- motion to accept and approved.**

**Enrollment is at 390.**

**School Events in October**

* Noggins Field Trip was good.
* Milk Sports Fair
* PTO Dance, good outcome
* Conference Day, Staff were on site and off site for conference. Working on Literacy and Math.
* Picture day was good.

**Upcoming Events in November**

* Remembrance Day Virtual Ceremony, downplaying War and promoting Peace. Making a Peace Train.
* Book Fair
* Retakes Nov 14
* PD/Parent Teacher Day Nov 17
* Progress reports (Adaptations and IPPs both go via Edupost with Report Cards)
* Glass and Pottery Trips

Michele recruited 2 new SAC members, attending in Dec.

School Success Program – focus on programming and decoding and encoding Primary to 5. Teachers are starting to see good gains. Wilsons Foundations for Learning Support Teachers are using, EPAs looked at UFLI program as well.

Literacy Data for October reviewed, - errors in grade 3 (2 errors noted). Overall some students also have a language barrier with English (EAL), speech support, attendance issues that reflect on the stats.

Reading Behaviour folders, teachers judgment and review, categorized as meeting or not.

Health Grants – we applied for grants, ideas of what we can do (physical activity focus) Kerri made a list of equipment, snow shoes, outdoor tent, outdoor volleyball nets, cricket, etc. This was asked for in a request for a grant. Due Oct 20th, we should hear by end of Nov if we are getting approved. Teachers are using outdoor classrooms, hallways, pods to get students moving. Yoga-rilla, body breaks, centers, go to library/cafeteria.

Impairment Policy from Dept. of Education. Staff can’t be impaired while at work. New policy but is straight forward from HR. Declaration of Offences, and Criminal Record Checks are required on a regular basis.

Next Meeting January 4, 2024.