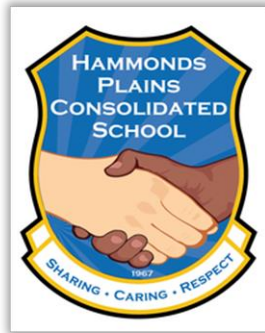


## Hammonds Plains Consolidated School



### SAC Meeting Summary

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 (5:30-7:00 p.m.)

#### Present:

Lynn Corkum, Principal

Anne Gourlay, Vice Principal

Susan White, Co-Chair

Natalie Foothrop-Pooler, Teacher

Paula Oliver, Teacher

Tanya Killam, Parent

Angela Conrad, Community Member

Regan McFarland-Hern, Parent

Penny Martell, Teacher

#### Absent/Regrets:

Josh Furlong, Co-Chair

### Agenda/Order of Business

1. Call to Order – meeting called to order at 5:34pm
2. Approval of the Agenda – approved by Natalie Foothrop Pooler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angela Conrad
3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Summary (September 15, 2020) – approved by Tanya Killam, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Oliver

#### 4. Business arising from the Meeting Summary

##### a. Grant Money for this year and last year

- We have last year's grant money (\$5,609) plus this year's grant money (\$5,580) to spend. Total budget \$11,189. To be spent by end of April 2021.
- Teachers were surveyed and came up with a wish list that included **indoor bins** with toys for morning and rainy-day activities such as board games, whiteboards, lego, toy cars, puppets, playdoh etc. **Outdoor bags** included ideas such as soccer/basketballs, hula hoops, skipping ropes, pool noodles, chalk etc.
- Music class request – instruments that are hands on.
- Raz Kids – Online reading program subscription. Leveled books including French, \$120US per subscription. Half dozen teachers expressed interest. Does come with a 2 week free trail period.
- Outdoor bags are put together by grade level. Teachers come up with items for bag, grade specific.
- Indoor bins may be more specific to given classroom, allocate an amount to be provided to teacher.

##### Action Items:

- Susan and Regan to price items to get a sense of total costs. Amazon for games.
- Anne go back to teachers to come up with top items for outdoor bags by grade.
- **Tentative budget commitment:**
  - (a) **Outdoor (75), indoor (100) \$175.00 x 24 classrooms = \$3600**
  - (b) **Raz Kids \$158.40 x 12 = \$1900**
  - (c) **Music instruments to be priced**
  - (d) **Loose Parts to be priced (see (c) below)**

##### b. Outdoor Classroom spaces

- Mr. Dykeman's been doing a lot of work. Outdoor classroom looks good.
- 4 picnic table have been delivered – between playground and bus. Possibly chain them together so they wouldn't disappear.
- Looking in woods for 2<sup>nd</sup> outdoor classroom space.
- Donation of labour – if Mr. Dykeman needs shed. Materials required but labour is available.

**c. Loose Parts Play**

- Paula Oliver identified loose part items and sent list to Lynn Corkum and Anne Gourlay (ex. Dowels, milk crates, tarps, duck tape.)
- Lynn sent list to supervisor, who liked the idea.
- Storage may be an issue.
- Designated spot on playground.

**ACTION ITEM:** Talk to staff to see if they are interested. Send list to Susan, she will have it posted on PTA. Could seek donations from PTA group. What is not collected, SAC could purchase using grant money.

**d. Buses**

- Buses are settling into schedule. All but one bus is arriving on schedule in the morning. Supervisors and bus driver are monitoring.
- Buses are departing on time in the afternoon.
- Parking lot drop off is settling into manageable routine.

**e. Work Order for the sinks**

- Plumbers came to install pedestal sinks this week but came in the middle of the day and couldn't do work with children present. Will have to reschedule and come back when children are not present. Waiting for new date.
- Steps will be installed for younger children to reach taps and soap dispensers by the end of the week. Non-slip, long wooded stepping stool will be installed.
- Extra handwashing sinks would make things flow better.
- Still working on hand washing stations in classrooms – Timeline: haven't been given one.

**ACTION ITEM:** Lynn to follow-up requesting update.

**f. Petition**

- Josh and Susan have not had an opportunity to look into petition for new school further. Would like to have opportunity to talk to Cathy.
- Will review and discuss at next meeting in November.
- Lynn – mention to Supervisor, school being build on Broad Street, Bedford South, Kingswood, Hammonds Plains. Boundary review in the next year or so. Suppose to ease pressure.
- Feeling is re-zoning would give still not give enough relief.
- Still concerned with parking lot issue. Bus system not great with Covid concerns.

- Parking lot was very busy for first couple weeks. Noticed last couple week it has calmed down.
- Parking lot not big enough staff and kids.

**5. School improvement plan update (Standing item) – N/A**

**6. New Business**

- a. Picnic Table donation – thank you has been posted.
- b. 2 classes over hard cap – One Grade Primary at 23 and one Grade 1 at 23. (Hard cap for P-2 is 22 and 3-6 is 27.) Teacher in both cases as well as school administration are comfortable that they remain at 23 to avoid disruption to a given child by moving them to another class so late after the start of classes. SAC supports decision and agrees this is in the best interest of the children.

**7. Special Reports and/or presentations – n/a**

**8. Public Input**

- Susan – looking for community members through PTA call.

**9. Next Meeting:** November 10, 2020

**10. Adjournment – 6:36pm**