

Hammonds Plains Consolidated School

Meeting Summary – September 15, 2020

Present:

Lynn Corkum, Principal

Anne Gourlay, Vice Principal

Susan White, Co-Chair

Josh Furlong, Co-Chair

Paula Oliver, Teacher

Tanya Killam, Parent

Angela Conrad, Community Member

Regan McFarland-Hern, Parent

Ben Jessome, MLA

Cathy Baker, Public

Absent/Regrets:

Penny Martell, Teacher

Agenda/Order of Business

1. Meeting Called to order at 5:33 p.m. Regan (Parent), Ben (MLA) and Cathy (Public) welcomed to the meeting. Attention was brought to the fact that we have had 2 community members and 1 parent step down this year. Regan will fill the parent spot, but we will need a couple of community members. This should be posted in the school newsletter.
2. Additions to the Agenda: N/A
Approval of Agenda by Tanya Killam and 2nd by Josh Furlong.
3. Approval of Minutes for June 2020 by Angela Conrad and 2nd by Tanya Killam.
4. Business Arising from the February minutes – Last years iPad order was cancelled due to COVID-19. Need to decide if we will order them again.

5. **School Improvement Plan - N/A**

6. **New Business:**

a. Month in Review

-The beginning of the school year has gone ok. Buses are getting closer to being on time. Drop offs and pick ups are running relatively smoothly. There is some congestion in the Irving parking lot at pick up time, but Irving has yet to complain about the traffic. Concerns were voiced about the parking during the winter.

-There are 57 PP students enrolled which gives them 3 classrooms that each have a lead ECE and a support person. They are supposed to spend 2-2 ½ hours outside per day.

-There are 2 free classrooms in the school currently. The school does not meet the requirements for another teacher.

-There is a lot of bathroom congestion for washing hands, some children cannot reach the sink/soap dispensers, some toilets are not working. There is a work order in for pedestal sinks and a plumber to fix the toilets. These have been in the works for a while and should be checked on (ACTION ITEM). Hand wash stations would be helpful to alleviate some of the congestion. Josh brought up possible funds from the PTA, etc. that could purchase hand wash stations, but Lynn was told to hold off and that it was being investigated.

-Recess times are spread throughout the day to avoid interaction between classrooms, but this means that there are always kids outside which can lead to distraction for the classes with windows that open onto the playgrounds.

-Gravel has been placed between the portables to create 6 parking spaces. Concerns voiced over these spaces getting cleared in the wintertime.

-School was given an increased allowance for lunch monitors. There are still 3 full time spots left to be filled.

-There are 24 classes plus the 3 PP classes. 10 of the 24 are at the hard cap already. Concern voiced about starting out with these high numbers if some of the kids that are currently being home schooled come back. The classes will then be too large.

c. Increase meeting time to 90 minutes -We will continue to start at 5:30 to give us 90 minutes before the PTA meeting is scheduled to start.

d. Communication – Plan made to send out minutes and agenda via email 1 week before the meetings by Susan. Meetings will be via ZOOM for the foreseeable future.

e. Communication with School Community – SAC note to be added to the newsletters. Susan will send something to Lynn (ACTION ITEM)

g. Schools need for COVID safety – Need for handwash stations discussed. Also, outdoor classroom ideas, Loose items play, picnic tables to replace the stolen/broken ones and maybe benches. Lynn to investigate whether this would be allowed.

h. Petition – Susan had made up a petition about the parking at HPCS. Discussion around whether we wanted to make the petition about the need for another school in this area instead since all 3 schools are overcrowded. Members to think about this and we will discuss next meeting.

Next meeting is October 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.