

St. Thomas Aquinas School Advisory Council Meeting

Date: September 28, 2021

Call to Order: 18:02

Opening Prayer

Previous Meeting Review – minutes reviewed and approved

New business:

- Election of positions, slide show for information of each position. Sli.do voting
- Took nominations
 - o Ashley Lundstrom– Chair (won 64%, seconded)
 - o Shenella Drake – DAL
 - o Adam Brown –Secretary (100%, seconded)
 - o Dr. Collins Ugochukwu – Vice Chair (won 62%, seconded)
 - o Jessica – DAL
 - o Stephen Gibson– DAL
 - o John – DAL
 - o Melissa – DAL
 - o Victoria – DAL
 - o Sixtus Ayuk – Chair, Treasurer, DAL
 - o Ienai Kim – Treasurer (won 62%, seconded)
 - o Deogratias Nondi - DAL
 - o Tiana Field-Ridley – DAL

Election Complete – Congrats to all

Principal Report:

- Welcomed new members
- Reviewed Town Hall format to meetings (all welcome, all have a say)
- Need to review procedures for Student Advisory Council
- Kids are overall happy to be back at school
- Population has increased from 913 last year to 1011, kids are back from synchronous learning last year
- 7 new portables (modular classrooms) being built in Calgary slated to arrive in Nov. Move in around Christmas time. This will alleviate pressure on the school rooms. Staff room gone, gym used homeroom.
- Added another music teacher to the staff
- Adding a part time admin assistant
- Added Low Incident Team (specialized staff for students with specialized needs). Includes behavior specialist and SLP
- Home reading program started
- Patrols for crosswalks started again, good success last year.
- Drop and Go lane started again, teachers monitoring again

- Corvid protocols continue in the school. Screens utilized for collaborative work. Please continue to use the screening tool prior to starting the day
- Terry Fox Walk taking place next week
- Basketball net added to pad
- Stay connected! Emails and text messages for all important information. Use power school for daily updates i.e. absences and marks
- Upcoming dates: Sept 30 – off, Christmas break Dec 16-Jan3

Questions:

How many staff?

A: 43.5 certified staff 65 Total staff

Max capacity?

A: Nearly, 7 new modular classrooms will elevate congestion, have room for an eighth. Also school board may re-work the school boundaries if over filling becomes worse.

Next meeting: October 25th SAC and Fundraise

Meeting Adjourned: 19:30