

Attendees:

Colleen Kaus, Brittany Carmichael, Etido Umah, Mike Clarkson, Eliana Arboleda, Lorraine Zandi-Wong, Carolyn Golden, Amy Jacobs, Reasa Diab, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Shilpa Shukla, Jeff Timmons

Non-Member Attendees:

Kelly Dunford (Principal), Shelly Vohra (Vice-Principal), Jennifer Flewelling (Teacher Rep), Rachelle Martin (Office Admin)

Welcome:

Meeting called to order, by Colleen Kaus at 6:31 pm.

Welcome and introductions completed. Explained differences in Parent Council & Home & School. Briefly explained rules, constitutions and guidelines.

Land Acknowledgement:

Read by Colleen

Motion to Previous Meeting Minutes: Motioned by Reasa at 6:38 Seconded by Carolyn. Motion passed.

Motion to Approve Agenda: Motioned by Reasa at 6:39. Seconded by Carolyn. Motion passed.

Elections for 2024-2025 school year: Colleen as Chair and Eliana as Secretary. Motioned by Julie at 6:43. Seconded by Reasa. Motion passed.

Dates Selected for 2024-2025 Meetings:

- October 23, 2024
- November 27, 2024
- No meeting in December
- January 22, 2025
- February 26, 2025
- No meeting in March
- April 16, 2025
- May 21, 2025 (offsite meeting)

Parent Council starts at 6:30pm. Followed by Home & School approx. 7:30pm.

Teacher's Report: Jennifer Flewelling

- Successful meet the teacher event.
- On Friday there is a Terry Fox Celebration
- There was a slow pitch tournament today only had 1 loss.
- Cross country will be starting soon
- Volleyball will be starting soon.
- Gr3-5 Swim team starts tmw.
- School looking to participate in the caribou contest. A worldwide math contest. <https://cariboutests.com/> for more information.
- Art club is starting
- Book club is starting
- Our new music teacher wants to revamp the program. She has some requests that will be shared that will be shared during Home & School.

Principal's Report: Kelly Dunford**School Calendar/Announcements**

looking into the features available including posting announcements on the screen in the foyer and on the school websites. Teachers can also post announcements there.

Annual School Improvement plan:

It is a multi year plan.

This is what we anchor our school goals on.

Our Mission:

To ensure every student experiences a sense of belonging and engages in dynamic learning to reach their potential and build their own future.

Our 4 Guiding Values:

Compassion, Dignity, Trust and Joy.

Joy Committee: Will continue for 2024/2025. This year we will have 3 Joy Days. The teachers involved are Mr. Forrester, Mr. Trikoupis & Mr. Troisi

Our school staff wants to include indigenous recognition within our school. One of our teachers will be our indigenous lead.

It has been a busy start to the year. Things going well. No reorganization this year. There was a tiny bit of shuffling, but the families are already aware of changes.

We have a student Responsive Pedagogy. September's focus was getting to know our learners.

Home/school communication

School would like to focus on this. Two main ways are through 1. providing information through the school website 2. School Messenger has reminders.

Our school also sends out an email blast to those who subscribe.

Media & Cellphone Protocol

This protocol was implemented at Ancaster Meadow back in May. The change for our school with this implementation is that now we do not see the cellphones during nutrition break.

Update to the Social Media Ban

YouTube is no longer on the list of banned social media.

Staffing Updates for 2024/2025

Ms. Smith FDK

Ms. Pryde Gr. 3/4

Mr. Brown is LTO for Ms. McLain Gr. 5/6

Ms. Rossi Gr 7/8

Ms. McLean 7/8 Music

Ms. Katz is permanent staff

The Gate in field for the path going to Springfield has been installed.

The goal of this gate is to deter the general public on school grounds during the school day.

Currently if we see public on the school grounds during the school day staff will go out to remind them not to be on the school grounds during school hours.

Attendee Questions/Concerns

- Parents have requested to review one of the paths at the side of the building. Consider possibility for a retaining wall. Ms. Dunford to review with Vito from facilities.
- homework assigned and use of agendas. Usage depends on teacher. Ms. Dunford suggested having a conversation with the teacher. Teacher can take recommendations and possibly accommodate needs on an individual basis. Principal cannot standardize/mandate homework assignments and use of agendas as we do not do this in the public school system. Mrs. Dunford can also assist on an individual basis.
- Are there resources/tools that parents can use at home for students who do not get homework? Ancaster meadow does not subscribe to any programs for students to log on/use at home. There are free resources should parents wish to use them.

Examples of Resources:

- Knowledge hook
- Math Before Bedtime
- Which one doesn't belong?
- Would you rather?

Ancaster meadow will see there is somewhere on our school site that we can post these resources. Parents are encouraged to speak to teachers to find out what children are learning and possible resources they can use at home.

Transportation

Buses are still a concern. School is in constant contact with the transportation company.

New Business: Colleen Kaus**PRO Grant (Parent Reaching out Grant):**

\$1000 for the school to run an activity that helps school engagement with our families. Would like to start generating ideas for what we can do this year. We can circle back at our next meeting to see if any one has ideas. Can also look at previously approved projects for ideas.

In prior years we did: Math night, Guest speakers- safety in a digital age. We can also consider partnering with another school.

School Generated Funds: Kelly Dunford & Rachelle Martin

Brief explanation of what School Generated Funds are. It includes many things including supplies, copying, wages. The Board sets rules on how the school can enter in the information and how the funds can be spent. All funds generated must fall within the categories set out by the board.

The initial school budget is set on a per pupil ratio.

At times it may seem like our funds are high because there are amounts that are sitting in our account however the money is already spoken for but has not been sent out yet (could be for a variety of reasons).

We were in a deficit coming into this school year by 2-3 thousand but are doing okay.

Anticipated additional funds for this year include:

1. Mum Sale from the Phys Ed. Dept \$847 profit.
2. Poinsettia Sale anticipate \$800 (based on last years sales)
3. TCBY Frozen Yogurt Sale \$2000 (approximate amount last year)
4. Book Sale May & September \$5819 in scholastic dollars. (We use this for library books and class resources).

The school is continuing to fundraise for their technology. The fundraising goal for 2024/2025 is \$6645.00

Pizza sales at the meet the teacher went well. School acknowledged this is something normally Home & School does. They appreciate Home & Schools support running these events in the past. This year the school decided to run it due to time and planning. They didn't want to burden Home & school due to the short notice.

Future budgeting consideration: Ancaster meadow is still looking into having a shade structure put in place in the back. Price ranges are about \$5,000-\$10,000.

Motion to Adjourn motioned by Reasa @ 7:59. Seconded by Carolyn. Motion Passed.