

Attendees:

Colleen Kaus, Eliana Arboleda, Clarissa Chaston, Lorraine Zandi- Wong, Carolyn Golden, Amy Jacobs, Reasa Diab, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Shilpa Shukla, Jeff Timmons, Jessica Pilon-Bignell, Sandra Wohl

Non-Member Attendees:

Kelly Dunford (Principal), Shelly Vohra (Vice-Principal), Jennifer Flewelling (Teacher Rep)

Welcome:

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

Land Acknowledgement:

Read by Colleen

Motion to Previous Meeting Minutes: Motioned by Reasa at 6:35. Seconded by Julie. Motion passed.

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

Teacher's Report: Jennifer Flewelling

- Ms. Mancini is running the commencement committee with the Gr 8s. The first event will be a cake draw. They are looking for support. The funds are for the Gr 8 picnic and décor.
- Mr. Steiner successful cross-country season. 150 students.
- Mums sale raised almost \$1000
- Poinsettia sales are starting
- We have 4 volleyball teams running now.
- Grade 1-4 Halloween parade will be during period 3 in the back of the school- school will send out a reminder of things to be mindful of when picking a costume.
- There are some funding requests that will be posed to home & school. An awning for the front kindergarten area and sensory room items.

Principal's Report: Kelly Dunford

Report cards to be sent home November 19

Teacher Interviews are November 21 in the evening and November 22 during the day.

All families will be offered an in-person interview.

Path at the side of the school

Kelly spoke to site supervisor. We will not get a retaining wall, but they will do some trouble shooting. Possible snow fence or intentional planting.

Resources for Homework

Shelly will add a homework help list to the school website. All free resources. The list will be fluid and will change.

Staff Meetings & PD days

Shared front facing info for families to see what staff will be doing on these days.

PD Day will focus on learning outcomes in core academic skills. Half day will be on reading, writing and maths. Other half will be challenging Islamophobia and Anti Palestinian Racism. They will learn strategies on how to challenge and respond. Staff will be watching videos and discussion points from hired consultants.

If a student is experiencing racism and wants to reach out to trusted adults in the building, they have the Principal, Vice principal, School Social Worker and CYCP. The New CYCP spoke to teachers at the last meeting. Teachers are encouraged weekly to look at who may not be seen as often in class.

Staff are trying to interrupt any harmful comments, dealing with situations in the moment.

School Fundraising Efforts

This year Ancaster Meadow will have 2 fundraising events during the holiday season:

1. Collecting toiletries for families in need. This will be a whole school effort.
2. Partnering to support 21 families from a school in Hamilton. We will assign 1 family per class. We will get a list of needed items to share with the community.

** Please note: For privacy we have removed the names of the school communities we are fundraising for **

Results EQAO 2023-2024- Shelly

Grade 3 Results			Grade 6 Results		
Subject	School %	Board %	Subject	School %	Board %
Reading	71	67	Reading	89	82
Writing	71	60	Writing	88	80
Math	52	51	Math	63	50

Responding to the EQAO Results:

All Gr 3 & 6 teachers are getting support to help them understand the next steps.

We have math leads within the building to receive additional learning.
Practice EQAO tests to be added to our school online learning resources.

Breakdown of EQAO Results

Grade 3 Results		
Subject	Ancaster Meadow % answered correctly	Provincial % answered correctly
Number Sense	66	84
Algebra	57	75
Data	61	79
Spatial Sense	47	70
Knowledge & Understanding	64	86
Application	59	77
Thinking (multi-step problems)	54	72

Grade 6 Results		
Subject	Ancaster Meadow % answered correctly	Provincial % answered correctly
Number Sense	71	79
Algebra	69	79
Data	60	69
Spatial Sense	58	69
Financial Literacy	86	86
Knowledge & Understanding	77	85
Application	69	77
Thinking	57	67

EQAO Trends

School is doing well in literacy. There are gaps in Math.

Next Steps

Exploring questions at each skill level
Ongoing professional development for staff
Book talks/Book Study for staff
Lesson Studies.

2024-2025 EQAO will take place between May 7- June 5, 2025. The date has not been chosen. Will keep in mind any religious observances during that time.

New Business: Colleen Kaus

PRO Grant (Parent Reaching out Grant):

Application is due November 22, 2024.

For project eligibility this year: Local barriers to parent engagement. Development of parent resources and parent engagement sessions

Last year we had Paul Davis talks to students and Parents.

We will set up a subcommittee to help Colleen come up with an idea.

Motion to Adjourn motioned by Reasa @ 7:32. Seconded by Amy. Motion Passed.