

## Astral Drive SAC Meeting Minutes      April 21, 2026

**Attendance:** Carol-Anne Larade, Principal, Mary Dowden-Marrie, Vice Principal, Latoya Perkins, Chair/Parent Member, Kaydee Webber, Parent Member, Karen McNamara, Teacher, **Regrets:** Gail Stevens, Community Member, David McCrae, Support staff, Karen Scotland, parent member, Collette Frenchville, parent member, Darcie Stokes parent member, Ms Jen, Teacher

### Meeting Called to Order at 5:00pm and Minutes from last meeting approved by Consensus

#### Vice Principal/Principal Report:

- 1) **SSP** – Review of Math Assessment in classrooms (CBAS) showed
- 2) **Provincial Assessments** – Grade 3 students will be writing literacy and math in English program classes and Math only in French Immersion program classes.
- 3) **Coaching**- Literacy coaching supporting classes with provincial assessment practice questions.
- 4) **SAC Memo** – New from the RED and will be a regular thing
- 5) **Behaviour Matrix** – Moved from parent responses to classroom responses and then student responses. Review of responses contribute to the redesigned Matrix shared with SAC. Conversation around appropriate consequences.
- 6) **Traffic Circle** – Infographic to support traffic flow has been shared and is linked in newsletter. Purchased linked traffic cones for Lakeshire drive side or if the Astral hill needs to be closed. Conversation around encouraging right turns at the top of the hill to ensure traffic flow.
- 7) **Planning for Next year** – Use of traffic circle question during the day 9-2, use of Lunchtime Bells
- 8) **Crossing Guard** – Another request will be put in via 311
- 9) **Field Usage** – Spring request awaiting approval by HRM Facilities Bookings
- 10) **Operational Items**– Street lights fixed by NSPower by the traffic loop and snow clearing safety discussion – clear paths ready for student arrival times.

#### Budget Review: Approved Items

- 1) Benches and Bike Racks
- 2) UFLI materials in classrooms: magnetic letter and cookie sheets
- 3) Classroom Library Refresh joint with SAC and Book Fair
- 4) Paint for playground stencils (Hold for later)
- 5) Chromebooks (30-35) and possible iPads for younger grades (Hold for later)
- 6) Drums for Music Room 1559.25 plus tax

#### Teacher/School Requests:

- 1) Lego for a classroom – On hold until put out another gather donations request.
- 2) Care Closet update.

#### Health Promoting Schools Grant

*Feedback encourages these four preference/priorities also represented in our upcoming Wellness Day:*

- *An opportunity for physical activity (yoga, mindfulness, zumba)*
- *School-wide snack*
- *Mental Health resources*
- *Year-End Awards*

**Meeting Times** Sept 23, Oct 21, Nov 27, Dec 2, Jan 13, Feb 24, April 21, May 5 at 5:00pm.

**Adjournment** of Meeting at 6:00 pm