**Astral Drive Elementary School**

SAC Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2022

**Attendance:** Ken MacDonald, Karen McGrath, Mark Smith, Tanya MacNeil and Gail Stevens

**Regrets:** Justin Sheppard

**Principal’s Report:** Mr. MacDonald read through his report.

**Breakfast Program:** The basket program is running smoothly thanks to our Learning Center staff and students. Baskets are filled with a variety of healthy and sometimes homemade snacks. Baskets are delivered daily to each classroom.

**School Events:** Given current circumstances whole school events are still on hold however there were three virtual presentations during February and March. Two revolved around Black History month and the other was titled “Mad Science”.

**P-2 Literacy Focus:** We continue to monitor and support student not at benchmark. The goal of HRCE is to have all students in P to 2 reading at benchmark at the end of June. The P to 2 Literacy Team will meet next week to analyze and discuss the latest data and decide where support needs to go. Reading Recovery teachers are back in the building. One teacher will work with two grade 1 English students and the other teacher will work with one grade 1 English student and one grade 1 French Immersion student.

**Outdoor Classroom:** As the weather gets nicer teachers are looking forward to taking their students outside to make use of the new outdoor classroom.

**Security Cameras:** These have been installed outside on the building, The next step is to have them hooked up to administrative computers.

**Absenteeism:** Still high numbers, anywhere between 10% and 15% daily.

**Report Cards and Parent-Teacher:** Reports will be going home Friday, April 1 electronically. Parent-Teacher will be held April 6 and 7 and will be a combination of virtual and in-person.

**Outdoor Time:** Students are back to playing with other classes. They are still in designated areas but playing with one or two classes at recess and at lunch.

**Grade 6 Closing:** There will be something to honor our grade 6s this year but as of now we don’t know what it will look like. It is also important to remember that things can change quickly, and we must be flexible.