**Astral Drive Elementary School**

SAC Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2022

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

Gail Stevens and Justin Sheppard

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

**Security Cameras**: Security cameras have been installed on the outside of the building. Thank you to Councilor Trish Purdy for the funding.

**SAC Money:** The money has been deposited into the school account and is being used to purchase books and other resources for the classrooms.

**P-2 Literacy Focus:** We continue to monitor and support students 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 met and decisions were made around students and extra support.

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

**Report Cards and Parent-Teacher:** Reports cards went home electronically, there were a few minor glitches. Having the choice of an in person or virtual/phone meeting for Parent Teacher was very successful.

**Grade 6 Closing:** There will be something to honor our grade 6s this year. We are looking into a trip and a closing ceremony; details will be finalized in the future. It is also important to remember that things can change quickly, and we must be flexible with whatever decisions we make.

**Next Year:** Next year’s numbers are currently sitting at 436 plus 25 pre-primary students.

**Emergency Procedures:** There are no more lockdown or hold & secures to practice this year. There are two more fire drills that will be completed by the end of June.

**PD & Staff Meetings**: Much of the focus this year has been around P-2 Literacy, SSP, Treaty Education and Anti-Black Racism.