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Parent Advisory Group Meeting September Administrator's Report

1. Our school goals for the 2013-2014 school year are as follows; 1) To provide a learning environment rich in mathematical experiences reflecting that the school community values numeracy and recognizes that mathematical skills and understanding are key to being a successful learner, 2) To provide students with the reading skills necessary to be successful learners, 3) To foster an environment where respect for all members of our school community as well as for the principles of sustainability is demonstrated through the Seven Sacred Teachings and the commitment to the Seventh Generation.
2. On Monday September 23 our teaching staff had a full day of inservicing on the new provincial report card, assessment, evaluation, individualized education plans and reading comprehension.
3. On Tuesday September 24 our Read A Thon Committee had their first meeting in preparation for our Read A Thon Day which will take place on Friday November 15. Once we have more finalized we will be asking for parent volunteers to assist us in various capacities. Our theme this year is around the area of Mathematics.
4. Our grade 5 and 6 leadership teams; Communication Crew, Troops and Spirit Teams are off to a great start this year.
5. Anti-Bullying Program our school uses is Second Step.
6. Calendar of Events updated monthly and sent to parents by synrevoice or you may see the most current calendars on our new website.
7. Communication is very important. Parents are encouraged to communicate regularly with the school and advocate for their children. The Winnipeg School Division Code of Conduct states that parents should always try to resolve concerns with their child's teacher. If unresolved, contact administration and if the problem remains, then contact the superintendent. If the concern is not resolved at this level then the Board of Trustees may be called.
8. Defibrillator next to the staffroom for any emergency in the school or the community.
9. Elementary Assessment Process is taking place already in most of our classrooms and will continue for the month of October. This is used to develop instruction for students.
10. Emergency Practice Procedure Information went home today by synrevoice. We would ask all parents to take some time and discuss this topic with their children.
11. Jump Math Pilot being implemented at our school this year by a number of classrooms. The division is providing inservicing for teachers that are participating and will collect data for assessment purpose.
12. Health Care Plans: Being reviewed and updated. All staff in the near future including our lunch program employees will be inserviced on single/dual jet epi-pens, puffers for asthma and defibrillators.
13. Picture Day this year was extremely smooth. Grade 6 Student Body Photo and Leadership Teams Photos will take place on Retake Day which has been rescheduled to Tuesday November 5.

14. Presently we are at 476 students this year. Last year at this time we were at 471 students.
15. Provincial Report Card being implemented this year. Our staff have been inserviced on the new report card changes and adaptations. Three reporting periods this year, including a Tri-Conference, Student Led Conference and Learning Fairs spread out throughout the year.
16. Staffing update-Mme Johnson is off until further notice. Mme Emanuel is presently substituting and will continue to implement the grade 2 French Immersion program until further notice.
17. Synrevoice Problem has been taken care of. Sorry for any inconvenience this has caused in the event you were not receiving or receiving multiple number of emails.
18. Telephone system will be changing in the new year. A number of schools in the south have been inserviced already and we will be in the second group.
19. Terry Fox Run on Friday September 13 went extremely well and we accepted donations throughout the day. We do not have a total at this time.
20. Thank you to all the families that assisted us with weeding and watering of our gardens. A special thank you to Jane Zoutman, one of our retired volunteer community members that nurtured, weeded, planted and sustained our outdoor gardens since the month of June. She also volunteers at Fort Whyte.
21. Thank you to Ms Huang and Mr. Donato, our first 2 staff members that have volunteered to attend PAG. Next PAG you will see 2 other staff members join us.
22. Universal Student Accident Insurance Forms have been distributed and a synrevoice went out to all parents with information how to purchase it online.
23. Volunteer Orientation this Friday September 27 at 9:15am and 1:15pm in our MPR.
24. Visitors and/or guests in the building protocol for the safety of all our children. Please report to the office and not the classroom prior or during a school day. It interrupts the routines in place that are extremely important for the students.
25. Website has been changed from last year. Please take time to go to our school website and become familiar with it. All Winnipeg School Division schools have a similar template.
26. We have shared with PAG a number of items to be considered for funding assistance.

Every year, we strive to improve and do better and our staff has certainly set a positive tone in and out of the classroom.

“It takes a community to educate a child.”