

John Eliot Elementary
School Council Meeting
12-November-2020

Attendees:

Karen Bourn, Betsy Blumberg Maxwell, Melyssa Taylor, Bonnie Swart and Brian Weekes

Guests:

Minutes:

1. Eliot Enrolment review
 - a. Eliot is increasing in enrolment
 - i. Nine Kindergarten students elected to pass on enrollment this year but will be allocated for grade 1 next year
 1. Requesting additional 1st grade teacher for next year to keep the class sizes at acceptable levels of 18 students
 - ii. Third grade is largest as the only class with 4 sections
 1. Increased next year's grade sections from 3 to 4 to accommodate additional 3 and 1 grade students to keep class size to 18/19
 - b. Requested additional Spanish and art teachers to accommodate the increased enrollment
 - c. Increasing learning space with construction in the technology centre and using the art room for an additional 1st grade classroom.
 - i. Optionally can repurpose the music room as an additional classroom.
2. Looking to increase the Assistant Principal allotted time from .6
 - a. Working out really well and her time away is felt in the school
 - b. Acting Assistant Principal will have to reapply for when the full time position is posted but she is very interested
3. No more personal development this year due to the schedule
4. Three racially charged incidents happened at Eliot this year
 - a. Having faculty meetings to provide guidance on how to deal with racial incidents
 - b. Reading Speak Up At School - dealing with racial incidences
 - c. When things happen between two parties, the best thing is to focus as much attention to the target as well as the child causing the incident to find out why it happened.

Next Meeting:

1. TBD