



School District 51 Boundary

ACCESSIBILITY ACT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – November 7th, 2023

Meeting called to order at: 4:00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Lois Ehman (Chair)
- Gillian Finlayson
- Peter Beliveau
- Laranna Scott
- Teresa Viebrock
- Amanda Bugeaud (Secretary)

AGENDA:

Land Acknowledgement

Approve minutes from last meeting

Review student survey questions

Categorize survey results

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- Ensured there were no omissions or corrections from the last meeting.
- Minutes were approved by the committee.

REVIEW STUDENT SURVEY QUESTIONS

- The committee reviewed a draft of a student survey to get the opinions of students in elementary school and high school regarding school accessibility.
- The group discussed various issues related to the survey:
 - The committee thought that grades 4 through 12 should be included in the student survey.
 - The committee wanted to ensure that the survey would be accessible to students and questioned if staff would be available to support them in filling out the survey.
 - The committee questioned when and where the survey would be completed: at home, would class time be set aside for students to complete the survey, how will the survey be circulated?
 - Some issues the committee thought may arise were kids feeling more comfortable and give honest answers to the survey with staff or parents, would autistic students be able to answer open ended questions, would the “mental health” terminology be confusing to some students?



CATEGORIZE SURVEY RESULTS

- The committee reviewed survey results and finished categorizing survey results into four groupings:
 1. Information and Communication
 2. Physical and Architectural
 3. School Policy
 4. Practice and Technology
- Some survey results were concerning social skill domains and we classified those under, “Information and Communication”.
- Some survey results were in praise of current practices and we agreed to put those into a comments section at the end of the survey.

DISCUSSIONS FROM MEETING

- The committee reviewed a draft poster to post at schools and have Principals or Administrative Assistants circulate to families with a QR code would bring them to the District’s Accessibility Act Committee webpage.
- The committee would like a write up of who is on the Accessibility Committee and why the committee was formed added to the school’s Accessibility website page.
- The committee decided to see what other district Accessibility pages were like on the websites of other school districts.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

- December 6th, 2023
- May 1st, 2023
- February 28th, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 5:15