

SAC meeting February 16, 2022

Minutes

Meeting called to order by:

- **Attendance:** Rosalind Rossi, Diane Laureijs , Shawn Marsh, Kate Cummings, Shannon Griffin, Sandra Deveau, Matt Denine
Regrets - Melissa Mbeba
- **January minutes approval**
- **Pandemic/Public Health Update**
 - Classes are continuing in their cohorts.
 - We continue have zones for class cohorts outside with staggered schedules
 - Students wear 3-layered masks
 - Hand hygiene practices
 - Music is no allowed to engage in singing and wind instruments
 - Two rounds of Rapid Test kits have been sent home.

* We opened the floor for questions to be asked about our pandemic measures.

- **Admin Report**

1. T-shirts - Today we send home a Bel Ayr T-shirt with every single student in our school. The money for this came from part of our Healthy Living grant. Our students were very excited!
2. PD this Friday - On February 18th we will be continuing our conversations about understanding our personal bias and culturally responsive teaching. We will also dive into an activity whereby teachers will identify students who are stuck and use an educational model called Universal by Design to think about planning differently for them.
3. Upcoming Breaks - Heritage Day - Feb 21 and March Break March 14-18
4. Reports Cards- go home the week of March 28th
5. Classroom Games/Equipment - We distributed many games and outside equipment to help students keep occupied and have fun during their unstructured time

6. New Lunch Monitors - We hired four grade 9 students to relieve the pressure of lunch staff shortages. They are doing amazing work only after two days of being on the job!
7. Pizza/Milk - If things keep improving with COVID we are looking at bringing back our ordering systems for milk and pizza. In the meantime we have been providing frozen yogurt tubes, orange slices, apples, cereal, breakfast bars, and juice boxes with breakfast funds.
8. Grade 3 Provincial Assessments - These will be administered during the first two weeks of May

- **African Heritage Month** -

- Began with the playing of “Lift Every Voice and Sing”
- Students are learning about important African Nova Scotians in their classes
- On February 8th, all classes joined a virtual seminar with DO Gibson, a musician and spoken word poet. He broadcasted a presentation to over 60 000 people called Black Canadian 365.
- African Heritage Facts of the Day
- Bulletin boards created for Viola Desmond, Martin Luther King Jr, and “Africa, It’s a Continent!”

- **Student Success Planning**

- Today we worked on our school well-being strategies by reviewing our [2020-21 Students Survey Results](#)
- Our staff submitted suggestions for new strategies as we continue to work on our current ones.
- On Friday our work will link closely to our reading and math goals

- **SAC Finances**- One LCD projector and 13 chromebooks were officially ordered. We are still waiting for the remaining three chromebooks to arrive. We have \$1,082.48 in the SAC account and the remaining chromebooks will deplete this when they arrive

- **Other Business**

- **Meeting Dates:**

Wednesday, April 20

Motion to adjourn at _____