

SAC meeting January 19, 2022

Minutes

Meeting called to order by:

- **Attendance:** Rosalind Rossi, Diane Laureijs , Shawn Marsh, Kate Cummings, Melissa Mbeba
Regrets - Shannon Griffin, Sandra Deveau, Matt Denine

- **November minutes approval**

- **Pandemic/Public Health Update**
 - New masking (3-ply), cohorting, and symptom screening
 - New morning drop-off
 - Limited movement
 - Rapid tests for students and staff
 - No school contact tracing
 - Shawn reports to PH with daily sheets indicating the number of students and staff absent. Details such as excused, unexcused, symptoms are also included in the report.

- **Admin Report**
 - African Heritage Month - Begins February 1st. Roz and Shawn ordered new resources from the Delmore Buddy Day Institute (Notable Nova Scotians posters and African NS history teacher guides. A new bulletin board will be created to match this year's theme of "Through Our Eyes: The Voices of African Nova Scotians"
 - This year's African Heritage Month provincial theme, *Through Our Eyes: The Voices of African Nova Scotians*, recognizes the long-standing history of people of African Descent in the development of Canada. This theme explores and examines the affects of anti-black racism and the voice of African Nova Scotians who blazed the trail for change. The theme also aligns with the United Nations' International Decade for People of African Descent (DPAD) 2015-2024. The goal of DPAD is to strengthen global cooperation in support of people of African descent, increase awareness and the passage towards presence in all aspects of society.

- Chromebook sign-out - 54 families signed out Chromebooks for at home learning. Ms. Beuckx, Ms. MacLeod and Ms. Rossi helped to organize this system.
- Pizza Thursdays and Milk - Refunds were issued to families for the last Thursday before the break (pizza). We are holding off on ordering milk. We will be suspending these services until things look better after this wave of the pandemic
- PD Half Day and Parent/Teacher - On November 25th, Our staff read an article called Speak up at School together after a series of activities designed to help us analyse our own personal biases and experiences.
- Grants - We have two provincial grants (Healthy Schools and Student Support) that we are accessing to make pandemic life in our school more enjoyable. So far we have purchased class equipment (balls) and board games.

- **P-2 Reading and SSP**

**P-2 Reading Data 2021/22- Percentage Not Meeting Benchmarks
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Grade	Sept (% Not Meeting)	Oct (% Not Meeting)	Nov (% Not Meeting)	Dec (% Not Meeting)
P (n=26)	26.9%	26.9%	15.4%	13.6%
1 (n=29)	55.2 %	48.3%	27.6%	24.1%
2 (n=22)	63.6%	54.5%	54.5%	45.0%
Totals	50.6%	42.8%	31.2%	26.0%

African Ancestry	Sept. (# Not Meeting)	Oct. (# Not Meeting)	Nov. (# Not Meeting)	Dec. (# Not Meeting)
n= 11 (+1 in Nov)	7	5	3	3

- **SAC Grant funds** - One LCD projector and 13 chromebooks were officially ordered. We are 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, February 16
Wednesday, April 20

Motion to adjourn at _____