

## SAC Meeting October 18, 202

### Minutes

#### Meeting called to order by:

★ **Attendance:** Karin Hendren, Shawn Marsh, Melissa Mbeba , Matt Denine, David Nash, Jason Schlegel, Alyce Casey

**Regrets** - Edy Guy Francois, Kate Cummings

★ [April 2023](#) Minutes Approval: Matt Denine approves the minutes.

★ **Membership**

★ **Role of the SAC**

★ **Enrollment and New Staff**

- **Teaching** Karin Hendren (VP and grade ½), Jacqueline Francis (Gr4), Melissa Hicks (Gr5), Karen Williams (LC), Jonathan Patenaude (LC 50%), Danielle Moreau (Core French), Lisa Jones-McKenna (Phys Ed), Halle Forde (Violin), Hailey Stapleton (SLP), Nicole MacFarlane (Schools Plus)
- **EPA** - Sarah Brassard, Heather MacDonald
- **Pre-primary** - Tara Bellefontaine.

★ **Student Success Planning (SSP) Update**

★ **SSP** - Our staff will be finishing the first cycle of school improvement planning this week. We have been working on the following goals and strategies:

- **Literacy** - We will improve achievement in literacy for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.
  - Teachers will collaborate in PLCs to build data walls that will help them record and analyze reading data throughout the year.
  - Teachers will schedule a half hour block each day to provide explicit instruction on oral language, phonics and word study.
- **Mathematics** - We will improve achievement in mathematics for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.
  - Teachers will collaborate in PLCs to share their classroom based formative assessment practices for collecting math fact fluency.
  - Teachers will schedule a half hour block each day to provide explicit instruction and practice on math fact fluency

- Well-Being - We will improve well-being at our school for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.
  - **Teachers will implement SEL strategies through the use of the *Mind Up* resource and their Health outcomes to teach students more about what happens in the brain when we experience different emotions.**

\*\* Our staff also reviewed the 2022-23 Student Success Survey. Our well-being strategies are a direct result of respondents from that survey indicating that they have felt unsafe in different environments in our school.

## ★ Admin Report

- **Ice Cream Social** - Thank you to our volunteers for hosting this during curriculum night. It was well received!
- **Mi'Kmw History Month** - We kicked off the month with Orange Shirt Day and a Smudging ceremony led by Rachel Merrick and four students from AstralDrive Elementary. Teachers are using the Treaty Education Framework to build lessons and experiences that are different at each grade. Students are enjoying the Daily Mi'Kmw History Fact and these are being posted on our bulletin board for further engagement. On October 25th, Quincy Mac, an NBA half-time performer and entertainer will be coming to visit us. He has important messages about self-esteem and Orange Shirt Day.
- **PEBs Assembly** - Our students filled the pom pom cylinder for the first time last week. We enjoyed a song performed by upper elementary students called "Every Child Matters". Students viewed our first video compilation and the schoolwide reward was announced.
- **Picture Day** - this Friday (October 20th)
  - All proofs and backgrounds will be chosen online on the Photomaster website.
- **Grade 6 Assessments** - These were finished up last week
- **Grade 3 Assessments (May 2023)** - The results of these assessments are currently being examined by our staff. Here is a brief summary:

### Reading

- 65.2% of students at Bel Ayr reached competency (n=23)
- 72.4% reached competency across the entire HRCE (n=3295)

### Writing

- 39.1% of students reached competency
- 43.7% reached competency across the entire HRCE (n=3289)

### Mathematics

- 54.5 % of students at Bel Ayr reached competency (n=23)
- 76.1% reached competency across the entire HRCE (n=3969)

- **Remembrance Day Assembly (Nov 10th)** - Ms. Gavel, Ms. Gibson, and Ms. Williams will be helping us plan this year's Remembrance Day assembly. We have veterans from the legion attending this year!
- **Grade 6 Leaders** - We have our grade 6s engaged in leadership tasks. They are helping with playground games, milk deliveries, pizza deliveries, tech support, and the announcements.

★ **SAC Finances -**

- ★ SAC Report- The [2022-23 SAC report](#) was completed last June and is posted on our website.

★ **Other Business**

- ★ **Motion to adjourn- Matt Denine**

★ **Future Meeting Dates -**

Wednesday, October 18
Wednesday, November 15
Wednesday, January 17
Wednesday, February 21
Wednesday, April 24
Wednesday, May 22

Motion to adjourn at \_\_\_6:58\_\_\_pm