

SAC Meeting April 24, 2024

Minutes

Meeting called to order by:

Attendance: Shawn Marsh, David Nash, Jason Schlegel, Kate Cummings, Nakita Strowbridge-Ford, Edy Guy-Francois,, Melissa Mbeba, Karin Hendren

Regrets - Alyce Casey

Motion to begin at 6:00 by Melissa

Approval of [February Minutes](#) Approval by: Melissa and seconded by Kate.

Admin Report

- Registration for next year continues. As of now, almost the same number of students as we currently have, just fluctuating a bit. 175 - so far, only 10 pre-primaries.
- configurations are still being determined. Most likely will have 8 homerooms again.
- Our previous two School-wide rewards were developed in line with our wellbeing strategies for SSP. We want students to engage more with each other socially so we gave them a "Games Hour" on March 8th and an "Outdoor Skipping Extravaganza" last Friday!
- Ms. Majduline from Schools Plus continues to host Monday and Friday Games Clubs in our library. Students are also being engaged with lessons about healthy eating and various crafts.
- May 15th is Black Excellence Day! Our teachers were given some suggested lesson ideas so they can begin to plan learning activities to highlight the achievements of African Nova Scotians in our area and beyond. There are still some incredible displays in our school showcasing the learning that has happened all year and during African Heritage Month in February. The African Nova Scotian Education Framework is a document that helps us in the planning stages of much of these teachings.
- Ms. McKenna organized a new Run Club for grades 4-6 students. On Tuesdays, a large group of students head over to Eric Graves to run with her on the field. Thank you Ms. McKenna! Some volunteers from Home and School are helping when they can
- We recently purchased new "puddle tables" for both primary classes. The students and primary teachers were very excited! That could be a potential fundraiser going forward.
- Congratulations to Ms. Hendren who recently completed the ASAP program!

- During our half day PD on April 6th, our staff continued to learn more about Total Participation Techniques. Ms. Hicks filmed a lesson showcasing these strategies and shared this with our staff and a group of principals at the HRCE office last month as well. Thank you Ms. Hicks!
- Our grade 3s have planted mystery seeds as part of the grade 3 science unit on soils and plants. We also have one student teaching the entire school about plants and gardening. He has basil, thyme, oregano, chilli peppers, dill, and even potatoes growing in Ms. Chafe's room.
- The Dartmouth Rotary Club came to read at our school last Thursday. Volunteers read in every single classroom for 20 minutes and left each book for the classrooms. They also donated 8 other titles to our library. One of our guest readers was Lindsay Ruck, a local author!
- The Grade 3 Literacy and Math Provincial Assessment will happen over the weeks of May 13th and May 20th. Teachers are helping to prepare students with practice questions beginning this week. Provides a good check on independent learning. Information is used to improve.
- Home and School has \$3300 left in account to be spent this year.

Wellbeing Surveys - A message went out to families on Monday to explain the Provincial Student Success Survey process. Grade 4-6 teachers will be making time for this before May 10th. We are also working on two in-house surveys so we can glean even more information from 4-6 students and some new information from our P-3s.

Student Success Planning (SSP) Update

- **Cycle 5 Strategies -**
 - **Math** -
 - Continue to analyze classroom-based math fluency data to determine next steps in instruction
 - **Literacy** -
 - Use collected assessment information to look for next steps for instruction on comprehension: whole group, small group and then 1:1
 - **Wellbeing** -
 - Continue to use scenario videos with students for SEL learning
 - Staff will re-imagine school-wide rewards to augment social interaction between students (purchasing of bubbles, skipping ropes, board games, and playground balls).

- **School Data**
 - **Table Talk**

Facility and Playground

- **The school has been working with HRCE Operations staff on the maintenance and future plans for our paved surfaces and wheelchair accessibility in the fall. Priority list. Electric doors and renovations will occur.**
- **There have been some minor injuries due to uneven surfaces and debris in addition to one serious injury in March right after the snow had melted. We continue to table these issues through JOHSC. Sweeper truck came yesterday, although it was also causing more damage.**

SAC Innovation Grant

- **Thank you to Melissa Mbeba for writing our application and thank you to the entire SAC team for their input and feedback. Now we wait!**

School Photography - Scoring rubrics for 6 applicants were submitted to the HRCE for consideration. Adams Photography scored highest. Not yet confirmed.

SAC Finances -

- **The remaining balance in the SAC fund is \$682.41 after teachers were given the extra money for their classroom libraries.**
- **The rest of these funds have to be spent by the end of June. Funds will be used for Grade 6 year end. Delectable Desserts has offered to provide cupcakes.**

2024-25 SAC Chair - Alyce has offered, Nakita also offered.

Future Meeting Date - May 22, 2024

Wednesday, May 22

Motion to adjourn at 8:05pm by Karin Seconded by Melissa