

SAC Meeting Minutes – Monday, January 6th, 2025

Attendance: Brendon MacGillivray, Ashley Matthews-Coons, Kristen Bishop, Kaylee Rawding, Megan Brocklehurst, Marion Gates, Zack Swick and Jennifer Wheadon

Call to order: 5:52pm

Approval of the agenda:

1st:

2nd:

Approval of October, 2024 meeting minutes:

1st:

2nd:

Principal's Report

Student Success Planning

- Three main areas for our student success plan - literacy, math and student well-being.
- Of the three priorities, literacy and math are easy to discern where students are in their success, however well-being is a bit trickier to track. Overall when children's emotional, mental, and social well-being is prioritized, they are better equipped to engage and succeed at academic tasks.
- Well-being includes greeting students as they enter our building, building relationships with our students and recognizing various social and visual cues to determine how they are feeling.
- Additionally, giving students an opportunity to feel heard and valued in the school, including birthday announcements and specialized time that focuses on individual student needs
- For literacy and math, we continue to do guided groups to support short cycle planning to target students that need additional support. Phonic based programs such as UFLI are being used to help students develop their phonetic awareness.
- Each grade level was allocated \$1000 for school funds to make purchases to support the work of their SSP team. .

Operational

- Victoria Green who was a long-term sub who went on maternity leave and was replaced by returning teacher, Payton DeWolfe.
- We held an SAC election with four candidates, Madhuruseka Aruchamy, Victoria Fernandez, Inbal Vichansky and Jennifer Wheadon. Jennifer Wheadon was the elected party to participate in our SAC as a co-chair.
- Fire marshall provided feedback regarding the 20% rule of combustible materials and unnecessary materials in classrooms that can affect our fire regulations.

Extra-Curriculars

- Grade 3, 4, and 5 went to the Museum of Natural History.
- Grade 4's went to the Nutcracker at Alderney Landing.
- The primary Carleigh went apple picking.
- Grade 3,4 and 5's had egg farmers of Canada in to discuss how to prepare food.
- We had our first assembly organized by Jess Waye in a while and to engage students in being positive role models in their classes.
- We had two mock elections held for the provincial and municipal elections held by CIVIX. Our results mirrored much of the election results.
- Jingle Bell Breakfast had to be canceled as we did not have sufficient volunteers to run the event. We are hoping to have a more winter based themed activity.
- Halifax West has a newly formed volunteer group to have students come to our school to assist in various activities in the school.
- We have a vaccine clinic for meningitis in pre-primary in September. It is a three dose cycle.
- Literacy week - to be planned for the end of January.

Finances

- Grants to Support Student Success:
 - SSP Grant – \$1, 300
 - Health Promotion – \$1,300
 - SAC Grants – \$5,600
 - Healthy School Grant - \$5,600

- Student Support Grant - \$5,600
- SAC Requests - Story Champs Language Program, is a program to strengthen language through storytelling for the cost of \$525.28 and **has been approved.**
- SAC Requests - Carolyn Landry (guidance) - \$412.00 for an Everyday Speech subscription to align with the Grosvenor well-being goal. **The request has been approved.**

Old Business

- Traffic Committee- we had parent volunteers that assisted with the parking enforcement. This was on for 2 weeks and helped deter too much traffic from entering into the Grosvenor area during arrival and dismissal times.
- Natalia will create a report based on her findings and we'll go from there.
- Zack to verify if the by-laws were sent by our previous co-chairs.

New Business

- Historial PTG Funding - the funds are still available to be used and the funds need to be voted on for what they are going to be used for. The historical fund is from previous years fundraising and is separate from the PTG funds.
- Take action with a side option to determine how that money and when it should be spent.

Next Meeting Dates: February 3rd, 2025

Motion to adjourn: 6:34pm

1st: Kaylee Rawding

2nd: Marion Gates