

SAC Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 29th, 2022

Attendance: Brendon MacGillivray, Ashley Matthews-Coons, Margot Gall, Jemima Perks, Kristen Bishop, Courtney Williams, Kathryn Norris, Shauna Swinamer, Cindy Dunn, Marion Gates

Call to order: 5:47pm

Approval of the agenda:

1st: Jemima Perks

2nd: Marion Gates

Approval of January, 2022 meeting minutes:

1st: Margot Gall

2nd: Jemima Perks

Principal's Report

Student Success Planning

- Student Success planning document was sent for some feedback, there were a few new changes and modifications made to the document.
- Term 2 reading data, teachers are beginning to put the data in and will be put in on Friday, April 1st.
- Small group instruction initiative - we have coordinated with our specialist teachers to integrate into various classrooms to support smaller groups.
- Library book plan, there has been a 4500\$ purchase for our library.
- Two coaches working in our building in math and literacy in several classrooms.
- February 8th, our staff was able to explore.
- Well-being goal - purchase of board games.

Operational

- Repairs to the modular.
- Breezeway which we were expecting to see if not coming and because of the access to the back of the building in the event of fire, would impede the ability to exit safely.

- New open boundary - could potentially bring 60 students from the Rockingham school.
- Safe arrival program rolling out next week. An app based program where teachers will take attendance between 9-930 and the system will identify which students are absent. Then parents are to respond with the absences.
- Registration - 36 English primaries and 26 French Immersion primaries
- 3 Days where all students were inside and then 3 days where some went half and half.

Extra-Curriculars

- Mary-Ellen Mohammed will be coming to our school for African Dance for our French Immersion classes.
- African Heritage Month project done by Ms Williams class where students created an interactive African heritage month project.
- The Maritime Center for African Dance was a lot of fun and every class participated.
- The Virtual Talent Show was a hit.
- Spirit Week just before March Break.
- Flag Day - Two students became citizens.

Finance

- We have fully exhausted our instructional fund.
- SAC funds will incur a bit of a dip based on two requesting funds.

Old Business:

- PTG - If the PTG is not fully functioning, we mention it to the functioning body before we spend it.
- Spring Fair date - First Friday or Saturday of June.
- Traffic safety - Some speed bumps will be put in to help slow down and potentially deter some drivers from entering Downing Street. They are going to make it a priority before September and will not be able to start before May due to changes in temperature.
- As a school we have done quite a bit to help reinforce the safety of our students about the congestion as well as the traffic. These measures did not seem to be impactful.

- Outdoor Classroom - we had a meeting to get a sense of where things were going to be positioned and we are waiting for the materials to be ready to go for the spring.
- Community member vacancy and SAC chair positions are coming to an end.

New Business:

- Funding Requests - Courtney Williams for crib boards and having the crib boards available for all student use. Purchase of crib boards passed quorum.
- Courtney Williams and Kelly Boyle discovered supplies to make buttons, there is a machine to buy to make button pins (button maker). The machine itself is \$250 and then costs additional supplies. Button machine and supplies - passed quorum.
- 30 French Bescherelle to help enhance written and oral language - passed quorum.
- Covid changes - Changes being made to the current climate with the restrictions being lifted. Changes are still very new and we are still learning what changes we will be able to do.
- Two lunch hours - to help with staffing as well as space during the two separate periods.
- Assembly, April 29th since February, 2020. Our African Nova Scotian support worker has a band and is going to come in and do a presentation for us.
- Kindness Coaching Initiative - nice - object and kind to a person and sets a deeper feeling. Jason Flynn - former teacher/administrator and how fostering a kind environment would look like.

Dates to Remember

Next Meeting Dates: May 10th, 2022

Motion to adjourn:

1st: Jemima Perks

2nd: Marion Gates

Adjournment: 7:15pm