

## SAC Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, May 10th, 2022

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

Call to order: 5:37pm

Approval of the agenda:

1<sup>st</sup>: Marion Gates

2<sup>nd</sup>: Margot Gall

Approval of March, 2022 meeting minutes:

1<sup>st</sup>: Margot Gall

2<sup>nd</sup>: Courtney Williams

### Principal's Report

#### Student Success Planning

- Our SSP goal is due back into the system on the 10th. Ours has set a new standard for reporting out. At our staff meeting this Thursday, we will be getting some staff feedback on our current data.
- Reading data - all students are showing growth and through our data wall analysis we can determine those who are stuck or require further intervention to ensure progression are being helped.
- Transitions - Our Resource, EAL, SLD, SLP to help support small groups to enhance their instruction.
- Well-being goal - our SAC members having initiated a kindness initiative. On April 20th, the Kindness committee met to determine next steps to enhance the overall school climate as it pertains to kindness.

#### Operational

- Rockingham is sending to Grosvenor their entire pre-primary program for the fall. We are getting these students because the new school is not finished and Rockingham is bursting at the seams.
- This will not only increase the number of students but will also create more congestion in our overall school community.

- Washrooms - we are experiencing a lot of behaviour in our modulars. The doors close from the inside and there's no sight into the washroom therefore, there has been damage done to the boys washroom.
- Open boundary for French immersion and Hemlock Ravine, so far we have six students taking advantage of that option and it did push our numbers in the lower elementary to cap.
- Staff allocations - We are staffing for 21 classrooms, 2 learning centers, 1.5 resource, 0.5 French immersion resource, 1.5 EAL teachers, Full-time guidance counselor, 1.4 Phys. Ed., Music 1.1, Core French 0.8, VP filled with Ashley Matthews.

### Extra-Curriculars

- Swimming program - two of our English grade threes and fours.
- Assembly - Bringing the kids together in the gym and creating a hybrid model but one of the participants was ill so we had to postpone.
- Stephen MacDonald - is bringing together the field day.
- Garden project - Krista Vincent brought together the backup plan for the costs. We need to seek out the funding in order to determine next steps.
- Ukrainian Relief - a couple of parents had stopped to speak with Mr. MacGillivray asked what they could do to help some of our Ukrainian students and how we could help. Olena has been gathering and distributing donations and putting them into her office space.
- Library Reading Program - It is a pop up library that sets up outside and gives kids a chance to go and peruse books. To help alleviate the summer slide and the kids that may not have access to the public libraries.

### Finance

#### Old Business:

- Traffic report - A video was made to show the alternative entrance on Armstrong Court. There haven't been a lot of views, seeking a new platform to communicate this information may result in further views and awareness.
- A pilot program called, "School's Streets", will affect several schools and needs to be approved before it can go ahead in the fall.

- The closing of a street needs to go through an approval process before it can be approved and reviewed with the traffic authority with the HRM.
- PTG Revival - We will be discussing that this evening which will help determine the outcome. There have been no new members to join our PTG.
- SAC Co-Chair replacement - Somebody to replace Margot Gall as a parent co-chair in either stream.

### New Business:

Garden project- The cost of the project would cost roughly \$500 and how would we go about funding the project and the supplies needed.

Funding request - Funding request for swim to survive was covered.

Funding request - Grade six trip - Ambassadors for grade six trip, where they are trying to get as many kids as possible to do a tour of George's Island and the ferries would take the kids over to the island. Cost is usually \$25.00 and now is only \$15.00 per student. We are looking for costs for bussing to be able to do the trip. It would be about \$300.00 per trip via bus as well as a possibility for additional funding to bring the cost down to \$10.00 per student.

Funding request - Louise Greeley - 1/2 FI teacher, she has written a company called, "Hook Line and Tinker" and has requested for supplies to add to our makerspace for \$150.00. Funding has been approved.

SAC Annual Report - Due on June 20th, last year the report was done based on overall involvement of each participating member.

Physical Activity Framework - Physical activity framework was looking for advice on how to implement more activity during the school day. They want children to have up to 60 minutes of rigorous activity throughout the course of the day.

- Develop something that could engage in foot travel versus car travel to and from school as well as increase the time to play outside in the mornings and use the outside classroom more as a part of their classroom practice.

School photography - Four submissions of groups who have put their names forward.

Breakfast program - We are running out of money for funds for the breakfast program. We have \$400.00 left or \$600.00 left, we currently have enough to keep going for this year but perhaps for next year we should look at more economical ways to distribute the breakfast.

Nourish Your Roots - We are signed up to participate in Nourish Your Roots for this coming school year.

Dates to Remember:

Next Meeting Dates: June 7th, 2022

Motion to adjourn:

1<sup>st</sup>: Margot Gall

2<sup>nd</sup>: Marion Gates

Adjournment: 7:08pm