**SAC Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, June 13th, 2023**

**Attendance:** Brendon MacGillivray, Ashley Matthews-Coons, Jemima Perks, Zack Swick, Megan Brocklehurst, Courtney Williams, Kristen Bishop

**Regrets:** Marion Gates, Mazen Houdrog

**Call to order:** 5:46pm

**Approval of the agenda:**

1st - Courtney Williams

2nd - Megan Brocklehurst

**Approval of May, 2023 meeting minutes:**

1st - Jemima Perks

2nd - Zack Swick

**Principal’s Report:**

**Student Success Planning**

* Staff reflections on student success planning and overall opinions of what we have done over the course of the school year and what we would like to do differently moving forward.
* The benefits of having guided groups and the gains made by consistent practice including targeted practice and guides.
* Students affected by job-action: We started with 5 students using an at home learning model and as support has increased through staff sent to us from HRCE and two replacement workers. We have been able to offer 4 of the 5 at home students’ full days as of June 13. One of the four offered declined the offer to be here full days with replacement staff.
* Grade three students had completed the provincial assessment and some staff are looking to do the marking in the summer.

**Operational**

* String for next year will not be happening during the school day as we don’t have the space for strings to set-up. Further discussions as to when the time will be determined later.
* Registration: This is ongoing throughout the summer and has moved fully online. There is no “late” registration day.
* Pre-primary - will continue to be monitored and managed by Grosvenor admin.
* Bussing - With the pre-primaries being off site it has reduced the amount of wait-time for our older students to get onto the bus. A recommendation will be made that pre-primary start 15 minutes after Grosvenor starts and ends.
* There will be 27 classrooms this upcoming September and we are continuing to look for potential spaces.
* Additional teachers for phys-ed and music to help with the increase in numbers.
* Sub-Committee - A parent has asked to create a committee that would be responsible for previewing content ahead of students seeing it. This would include guest speakers, Neptune performances etc.
* The Yearly Calendar has been released for the 2023-2024 school year for Grosvenor Wentworth.
* TBD: Ice cream social and curriculum night.

**Extra-Curriculars**

* The Spring Fair had a great turnout with roughly $5000.00 in profit raised.
* The School Supply Drive to collect school supplies for communities affected by the wildfires was delivered yesterday. CPA High School was very grateful for our contribution and will be dividing the supplies up to the other schools.
* School trips:
* May 8th - ¾ MacIntyre went to Rocky Lake Junior High to their glass lab.
* May 11th - 6 Banks, ⅚ Bishop and ⅚ Williams went to Halifax West to see Matilda.
* May 30th - 3 Frazee went to Rocky Lake Junior High to their glass lab.
* May 30th - 4 Evans and 4 Brocklehurst went to the Museum of Natural History
* May 30th - 6 Banks and 6 Williams went to CPJH for a tour.
* June 2nd - P Anderson and P/1 Kim were unable to attend their trip to the discovery center due to the wildfires.
* June 5th - 5 Reddy and 5 Morley went to Millbrook Cultural and Heritage Center
* June 9th - 2/3 Brace and 3 Frazee went to Hope for Wildlife.
* June 14th - 3/4 MacIntyre and 3 Mombourquette went to Hope for Wildlife.
* June 16th - Primary Doell, Primary Piercey, 1 Noiles and 1/2 Potter are heading to Shubenacadie Wildlife.
* June 20th - 2 Chestnutt and 2 Charlton are going to Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum.
* June 20th - 6 Banks, 6 Bishop and 6 Williams are headed to the Museum of the Atlantic and George’s Island.
* Garden Project - Kim Piercey is heading up the garden project for our pizza gardens.
* Run club continues every Tuesday morning.
* Track and Field was a success and our grade 4, 5 and 6’s performed very well.
* Field Day - Field Day will be happening on June 19th and June 21st from 9am - 12pm.

**Financial Report**

* To date between the PTG/SAC account we currently have $26 778.57 This money doesn’t include any of the expenditures for the past 30 days, credits or debits from the spring fair.
* Breakfast Cash Fund: $2 789.14
* Breakfast Kitchen Fund: $11 073.00

**Old Business:**

* Student transportation (Traffic Committee)
* Drive to Fire: designated/legal locations that are within 5 minutes.
* Making it a positive experience to inform the parents of where they should be parked.
* To help with the initiative, we are going to email our families, place maps and signs where the locations are approximately 5 minutes away.
* Discuss with Kathryn Morse to look into signs.
* Mr. MacGillivray will explore making maps to post around the school area.
* We would like to survey our parents about what barriers they experience during drop off and pick up.
* As another option, students could walk the distance that is equal to the grade they are in from where their parent drops them off. Example - Grade 2, parents park 2 minutes away.
* Annual Report - The template is much the same as previous years and a lot of the key components needed to be covered were documented.

**New Business:**

* Newcomer students: how can we further include our newcomer students/families to our school that struggle with English language expression?
* Olena, our YMCA worker, is willing to help with welcoming our new families and breaking those language barriers.
* Giving a survey to those families to ask them specifically what they need to feel welcomed.
* Having key pre-selected individuals who can be privy to confidential information as translators.
* It could be challenging to collect information from parents who would be leaving their children at home.
* Setting up a survey for parents at the ice cream social.
* We will send out translated invitations to help reach all members in our community.
* Literacy week: We could have parents from different cultures come in and read books to our students in their language.
* Breakfast Club: we could create belonging through breakfast club programming and offer foods that are unique to their culture.
* The purpose would be to create belonging as well as complimentary programming to invite our newcomer families to feel like they are a part of the community and school.
* Having a tea or an open forum where families have access to the administration as well as connecting with other students and having volunteers with a consistent schedule.

**Next Meeting Dates:** September 12th, 2023

**Adjournment:** 6:45pm

1st - Megan Brocklehurst

2nd - Jemima Perks