



School Advisory Council (SAC)
Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Bel Ayr Elementary School
4 Bell Street, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

Meeting Minutes

			<u>Time</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
1.	Approval of Agenda*	<i>Decision</i>	6:00	Strowbridge-Ford
2.	Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement		6:01	
3.	2024-25 Membership Updates Welcome Jeff, Shauna Dave, Jason, Karen, Alyce returning Update membership on the website One open seat for community member and for a CUPE/support staff specialist Regrets(absent): Edy Guy-Francois			Marsh/Strowbridge-Ford
4.	Consent Agenda: 4.1 Approval of Draft SAC Minutes of May 22, 2024 Meeting approved	<i>Decision</i>	6:03	Strowbridge-Ford
5.	Admin Reports: 5.1 2024-25 Enrollment - 197 students with - 9 homerooms including pre-primary Half combined/half straight grade classrooms 5.2 New Teaching Staff - Ms. McLeod, Ms. Riggs, Mr. Boak, Ms. Hargrave, Ms. Dickson, Ms. Jamieson, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Ryan, and Mr. Clarke - lost a .5 learning center position	<i>Discussion</i>	6:10	Marsh/Hendren

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jordan on French circuit, former French teacher has a new circuit. <p>5.3 Mi'kmaq History Month - "Food Brings us Together" is the theme. We have a Fact of the Day each morning in addition to integrations of content in our classes using the Treaty Education Framework and resources in the school. Qmack has been invited back on November 8th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New books relating to Treaty Education available to staff to share with classes - <p>5.4 Curriculum Night - Was on September 26th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not as attended as in previous years <p>5.5 PEBS Assemblies - The next one is on October 18th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First in September for Stand Up Against Bullying Day - Pompom program - <p>5.6 October 11 Professional Learning - P-2 Curriculum, grade 6 writing, grade 3-5 math and individualized sessions for specialists and EPAs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curriculum related question - "From the Ground Up" Alyce will look into this and see if she can find more information. <p>5.7 Facility Upgrades- Electronic doors, paved ramps, accessible furniture, new swipe card station, and some repairs to potholes. We also had our Handicap parking spots repainted.</p>			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns re the paved stairs and safety when the weather changes - No rail on ramp - Continuing to record issues with potholes and new paved areas - Playground Stencils - Pickup only - Availability - paint and people ready to go. <p>5.8 New School Lunch Program - Families can order beginning on October 18th with the first deliveries on October 28th. It is a “Pay What You Can” model with ordering periods every two weeks. Check out nslunch.ca/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easystreet Catering - has to do the deliveries with the volume of orders - Lists of who ordered what will be available at the office. - Drivers/delivery have their checks finished to bring them into the schools - Recyclable containers that will have a specialized recycling system - considering the amount of food waste - Proxy orders - Order extra each day just in case (recommendation from the province) <p>5.9 Pizza Thursdays - We launched two ordering periods and may try another after the School Lunch Program gets off the ground.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bring to home and school the possibility of doing pizza order days - leave it for a few weeks to settle into new lunch program first <p>5.10 Breakfast Program - We have cereal, cereal bars, yogurt tubes, apples, pears, bananas, tangerines, cheese sticks, and yogurt drinks!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - available for all 			
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	5.11 Cross Country Meet - Ms. McKenna is taking a group of grade 4-6s to an after school meeting this week. They have been training during recesses and lunches.			
6..	<p>Student Success Planning (SSP)- Update</p> <p>5.1 Teachers are meeting in PLCs/ Our new strategies for literacy, math and well-being will be finalized at our next staff meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - focus on students who aren't meeting, data wall, discuss and try strategies in PLCs for short cycle planning. - developing strategies for cycle 1 - strategy for wellbeing - lessons, resources and ideas for interpersonal problems and what they can do when they're upset, relationship challenges, bullying, etc. - Access to equity drive or equity teams when an item is becoming an issue in or across classrooms - being proactive - Ms. Johnson will help staff develop this - data is brought to SAC on regular basis - Student Success Survey data - Grade 3 Assessment Data from May 2023 	<i>Discussion</i>	6:35	Marsh/Hendren
7..	<p>SAC Finances</p> <p>The SAC will receive approximately \$5200 before the end of the month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ideas for spending this year? - last year: Total Participation Technique Foldouts for increasing engagement \$400, Mimeo boards (2?) - puddle tables? check on pricing 	<i>Decision</i>	6:40	Marsh
8.	<p>SAC Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Artist in Residence program - Conversations re: how to make this work - several artists for 5-7 week blocks - call for interest 	<i>Decision</i>	6:45	Schlegel/Strowbridge-Ford

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - hoping for an Indigenous artist or ANS artists - also thinking of a space around the school - Mr. Clarke to reach out to known musician, call for artists to be shared with the Friendship Center, through DAL, - 3-4 people working with students throughout the year - consider the reasonable honorarium for a block of time from an artist (5-7 weeks, 1 day/week, or half day/week, ~35 hours in the building - early artists who would work for a smaller honorarium but still have strong cultural connections. - some money for art supplies, record checks - would love to hear back for the 8th 			
9.	Additional agenda items for future meetings	<i>Discussion</i>	6:55	Strowbridge-Ford
10	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RBC Grants (x4) - Save any other business for next meeting. 	<i>Discussion</i>	6:58	Strowbridge-Ford
11 1.	Adjournment	<i>Decision</i>	7:00	Strowbridge-Ford

*Materials attached

Next SAC meeting: November 13, 2024