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SAC Minutes for Oct 8th, 2024

Present: Tasha Pitcher, Jodi Gordon, Jacquelyn Reid, Christina Dorey, Nicole Evanson, Rose MacAuley, Emily Ripley-Davis, Neelima Alam, Ramandeep Dhillon, Jagdeep Singh Dhillon, Umut Bag, Neelima Hasin Alam.

Regrets: Taralee Dubray, Rynne Hamblin, Justine MacDonald, Adrienne Kidd, Darlene Joyce

Call to Order: 6:05 pm

Student Success Plan:

The Student Success Planning (SSP) framework is developed to guide school communities in using an equitable and systematic way of planning school improvement by identifying measurable goals that are rigorous yet attainable. Below you will find a sample of the goals and objectives Hillside Park Elementary has worked on over the course of the past year. The SSP goals are directly used to enhance student learning and achievement; the development and growth of SSP goals are based on student needs. SSP goals are also deeply rooted in the inclusion policy and culturally responsive teaching practices

Literacy Goal: We will improve achievement in literacy for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaq/Indigenous ancestry.

Cycle 1

High Impact Strategy...

- Teachers will implement Writers' Workshop structure every day
- Teachers will identify clear learning goals and success criteria for the Writers' Workshop

Mathematics Goal: We will improve achievement in mathematics for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaq/Indigenous ancestry.

Cycle 1

High Impact Strategy...

- Teachers will use flexible groupings in response to student need
- Teachers will provide opportunities for students to engage in reflective and flexible thinking (math journals, open-ended discussions, number talks)

Well-Being Goal: We will improve well-being at our school for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaq/Indigenous ancestry.

Cycle 1

As we launch the new school year, staff will prioritize:

- Staff will create processes that actively engage students in decision-making (e.g., establishing class norms about safety, respect, and caring)
- Staff will help students learn to consider the well-being of others through the concept of Netukulimk (Respect, Responsibility, Relationships, Reciprocity)

Principal's Report

- **Stand Up Against Bullying Day (Sept 12):** Stand Up Against Bullying Day in Nova Scotia is on the second Thursday of September. It is a day to sprinkle seeds of empathy and compassion, as we all work towards a world without bullying.
- **Curriculum Night/Ice Cream Social (Sept 19th):** Teachers hosted two sessions for families to connect and learn about this year's curricular goals for students, meet the classroom teachers, etc. Curriculum Night was followed by a school community ice cream social. Popsicles and a variety of ice cream treats were provided to all in attendance.
- **Terry Fox Run:** Mr Sutton (PE Teacher) Organized a school-wide walk/run for students and staff. This was an opportunity for our school community to share Terry's message of hope, courage, and determination.
- **Orange Shirt Day (Sept. 27):** This day acknowledges that residential schools are a part of our history. Wearing an orange shirt is a national movement to recognize the experience of those who went to Indian residential schools, to honour them, and show a collective commitment to ensure that Every Child Matters.
- **School Pictures (Oct 2nd):** Paul Adams Photography took our school photos this year. Picture retakes will take place on Nov 13th.
- **Mi'kmaq Heritage Month** - October is Mi'kmaq Heritage Month. Students will be working with staff to build their knowledge and understanding of Mi'kmaq ways of knowing and being. <https://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>
- **PD Day (Oct 11):** HRCE continues to build upon its P-3 Literacy Initiative. On Friday, Oct 11th P-2 teachers will learn more about the updated Literacy Curriculum and teachers in grades 3-5 will continue to grow their understanding of Math Fact Fluency. As part of our literacy initiatives our Learning Support Teachers (SLP, School Psych, Learning Support Teacher, ELS Teacher, Resource) have completed DIBELS assessments with all grades 1-5 to

provide a baseline for our next steps as we support learners in enhancing their literacy skills.

- **Halloween Howl (Oct 24th):** The Halloween Howl will take place on Oct 24th this year. Students are excited to participate in a fun filled evening of games, activities, and the haunted house.
- **Provincial Conference Day (Oct. 25)** - On the fourth Friday in October of each year, NSTU members from around the province are invited to attend professional development conferences organized by our Professional Associations. The program offerings demonstrate a breadth of curriculum-based and other professional development opportunities that are designed to ensure Nova Scotia's students benefit from the latest pedagogical advances.
- **Remembrance Day Ceremony (Nov. 8)** - Ms. Ripley-Davis is coordinating with staff, students and community members to host our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony. Classes will share artwork, read poems and the school choir will perform. The student-led ceremony will begin at 1:00 pm on Friday Nov 8th and be approximately 45 mins.
- **Choir** - Ms. Ripley-Davis is directing the choir once again this year. For the first time in over a decade our choir membership is approximately 45 students. Choir students will perform for the schools' Remembrance Day Ceremony, and Holiday Concert
- **Craft Club** - Students in grades 2-5 will have the opportunity to sign up and create crafts that will be used to help decorate for the Halloween Howl.
- **Hillside High 5 Awards** - Our whole school assemblies will continue throughout the year. This year we will add a student showcase opportunity to the assemblies so individual or whole classes can share their learning with the school.
- **Indigo Grant & Library Makeover** - The first order of books will take place the first of November and will use approximately \$3000.00 of the funds for this year. Our school art specialist will also be working with students to design and paint a mural in the library.

SAC Conference Sept 27 (Ryenne and Jacquelyn attended)

- **School Lunch Program:** The Nova Scotia School Lunch Program is a provincial lunch program that offers public school students across Nova Scotia nutritious lunch every school day. The admin team has an upcoming meeting with the vendor, The Lunch Lady. Ordering will take place open on Oct 18th. Website:<https://nslunch.ca>
- **Code of Conduct/Safety in Schools:** The Code of Conduct is currently being revised. Safety is always of the highest priority. Both administrators have completed Threat Risk training through HRCE.
- **Provincial Cell Phone Policy:** As per the new cell phone policy, students will be expected to follow the expectations of their school regarding when and where cell phones and other personal mobile devices may be used. This is not an area of huge concern as only 2-4 students currently have cell phones at school.

Events/Opportunities

- Grades 4 Parsons and 5 Dunn attending Milk Sport Fair (Oct 8th)
- Grades P Reed, P/1 Brillhante, 1 Hausman and 2 Kelloway Davis traveling to Willowbank Farm (Oct 23rd)
- Grades 2/3 MacNeil, 3/4 Gordon, 4 Parsons and 5 Dunn to Skate Canada (Oct 24th)

SAC Funds

- It is noted that each school is given \$5,000.00 plus a dollar for every student within the school yearly, which is approximately \$5200 for the SAC at Hillside Park
- This year's funding plus the carry-over from last year of \$3880.27 gives us approximately \$9000
- Vote: Members will vote for the use of funds for this year. Suggestions include: new tables/chairs for the Library, updates to the outdoor spaces, a projector/sound system for the gym.

Upcoming SAC Meeting Dates:

- Nov 19
- Jan 14
- Feb 11
- Apr 15
- May 13
- June 10

New Business:

- **School Events (Building Bookings)**
 - Oct 24 - Halloween Howl
 - Nov 28
 - Jan 23
 - Feb 27
 - Apr 25
 - May 29
 - June 20

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PTG Halloween Howl

Oct 24th, 2024

Description:

The Halloween Howl will take place on Oct 24th, 2024, from 6:00-7:30 pm leaving time to clean up afterward. The PTG will create stations for students to participate in during the Halloween

Howl. Teachers and PTG members will sign up for the station they wish to assist. Event volunteers can sign up for half-hour blocks to ensure families get to participate in the activities together. Families will enter the school through the Library doors and families have been notified that all students need to be accompanied by an adult. Entrance fees of a suggested \$10.00 donation, will be collected at the welcome table to assist in future PTG initiatives.

Stations:

- 1.) Welcome Table
- 2.) Haunted House & Witches Cave
- 3.) Water Potion Table
- 4.) Sucker Pull
- 5.) Pumpkin Tic-Tac-Toe
- 6.) Eyeball Spoon Race
- 7.) Witches Broom Relay
- 8.) Bean Bag Toss
- 9.) Ring Toss
- 10.) Monster Bean Bag Toss
- 11.) Craft Station
- 12.) Pin the Tail
- 13.) Temporary Tattoo
- 14.) Candy Guess
- 15.) Spin The Wheel
- 16.) Poke A Pumpkin
- 17.) Halloween Raffle Pumpkins
- 18.) Witches Bullseye.
- 19.) Wooden Pulley Game
- 20.) Halloween Colouring Table
- 21.) Photo Area

NOTE: Small prizes (approx 600); pencils, stickers, etc. have been purchased. Around 1500 chocolate bars, candies will be donated for the games as well.

Donations:

- Giant Tiger
- Atlantic Super Store
- Vegetorium
- Sobeys
- Brytor Moving
- Tall Ships Trading Company
- Griffin Family
- Dhillon Family

Set Up & Decorations:

- **Action:** Jacquelyn will send a Halloween Howl poster to families.
- The custodian will assist in setting up the tables for the event. Halloween tablecloths will be placed on each station table.
- Stations will be set up and organized based on the space needed for each individual station and in a manner that allows students and families to move from station to station with ease. **Action:** Emily will store all music instruments and materials so there is more room for decorations.
- Like last year there will be a craft club that is student-led. Students will create different craft items that will be used to decorate the haunted house and main gym area.
- The Haunted House set up will begin the day prior to the event (Wed) as this will take some time to fully set up. The rest of the set up will begin the day of the event after school.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm

Submitted By: *Emily Ripley-Davis*