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SAC Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2024

Present: Ryanne Hamblin, Tasha Pitcher, Jodi Gordon, Jacquelyn Reid, Christina Dorey, Adrienne Kidd, Nicole Evanson Rose Marshall, Emily Ripley-Davis, Karen Davis, Doris Boyd.

Regrets: Taralee Dubray, Justine MacDonald, Stephanie Dube

Call to Order: 6:07 PM

Review the role of the SAC

- Letter of Agreement
- Reviewed by-laws
- Set the dates for remaining meetings

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'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

Cycle 1

High Impact Strategy...

- Teachers will engage students through voice and choice in writing across many genres
- Teachers will provide explicit opportunities for students to explore what it means to 'View Self as a Writer'

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'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

Cycle 1

High Impact Strategy...

- Teachers will collect solid evidence of student learning using a variety of assessment tools and use that evidence to determine students' level of success
- Teachers will use evidence to determine instructional practices, supports, and interventions that are flexible, responsive, and matched to students' strengths, interests, and challenges.

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'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

Cycle 1

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

- Building relationships with students and families
- Getting to know students' lived experiences

Principal's Report:

- **School Opening** - In the last five years, enrolment has increased by almost 9,000 students. As our region's population expands, new families register within our system on an ongoing basis. At Hillside our current enrollment is at 190 students.
- **Configuration & Staffing** - New Staff: G. Griffin, D. Brilhante, K. Parsons, J. Gordon, J. Reed, L. Hackett, L. Martell, M. Brown, T. Logan, and R. Vail.
- **HRCE P-3 Literacy Initiative**
- **Revised Curriculum P-2** - New curriculum documents are currently being created.
- **Fact Fluency Priority**
- **Continued Focus on Wellbeing and Equity**
- **Building Security** - fire drills, lockdown drills, and hold and secure drills, will take place throughout the year (3 in the fall/ 3 in the spring). Our table top relocation drill will be reviewed at our first staff meeting.
- **Safety in Schools** - Safety is a top priority in all schools throughout HRCE. The Nova Scotia Auditor General Kim Adair released her June 11, 2024 Report to the House of Assembly. The audit examined incidents of violence in schools and how the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Regional Centres for Education, and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial are maintaining the safety of their students and educators.
- **Breakfast Baskets** - Each class will have a basket of breakfast foods that classroom teachers will place within their classrooms every morning. Snacks will continue to

be provided as needed at the office. A few staff and community volunteers have offered to do special breakfasts' like toast every few weeks.

- **Provincial Lunch Program** - This new program is a pay-what-you-can program, meaning families can choose to pay the full \$6.50 cost of the lunch, part of the cost, or nothing. All payment information is kept confidential. Lunches will start in schools on October 1, 15, or 28, with ordering opening two weeks before the first lunches are served. Website: <https://nslunch.ca/>
- **Provincial Cell Phone Policy** - Starting in the 2024-25 school year, all students must turn off their mobile devices and store them out of sight during instructional time. Limited exceptions, like junior high and high school teachers allowing cell phone use in class for instructional purposes, will be available.
- **Attendance and Engagement Policy** - The goal of this policy is to ensure students are in classes building their knowledge and lessening learning gaps.
- **SAC Conference Sept 27th** - Ryanne (Chair) and Jacquelyn will attend the conference to represent Hillside and our learning community.
- **Stand Up Against Bullying Day**- The second Thursday in September (Sept. 12th) has been declared "Stand Up Against Bullying Day." The inspiration for the day came from the actions of Central Kings Rural High School Grade 12 students Travis Price and David Shepherd who rallied behind a new student to the school who was being bullied simply for wearing pink.
- **School Pictures** - (Oct 2nd) Paul Adams, owner of Adams Photography will be taking our school pictures this year.
- **Orange Shirt Day**- (Sept. 27th) This day is designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.
- **Indigo Grant & Library Makeover** - Staff and students have been collaborating to establish a nature themed Library makeover.
- **Celebrating Students** - Fantastic Friday Phone Calls and Hillside High Five Assemblies will continue this year.
- **Events/Opportunities** -
 - **Curriculum Night and Ice Cream Social**: Sept 19th, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
 - **Terry Fox Run**: (Sept 23rd) Mr. Sutton will lead our school run.
 - **Choir**: Ms. Ripley -Davis will host choir on Thursdays at recess
 - **Milk Sports Fair**: (Oct.) Mr. Sutton has organized a trip for upper elementary students to attend the fair. The Milk Sport Fair is a fully-interactive sporting event and an excellent opportunity for students to get active and learn about the many sport options available in Nova Scotia.

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 \$9000.00.
- SAC Members will vote for the use of funds for the 2024/25 school year.

Upcoming SAC Meeting Dates:

- Oct 8
- 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

PTG Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2024

PTG: (Parent-Teacher Group)

- PTG will meet in October to discuss & organize the Halloween Howl
- PTG members are encouraged to thinkin of ideas for school events
- It was shared that families are interested in a whole school trip.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:54 PM

Submitted By:

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