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## SAC / PTG Minutes for Tuesday, November 19th, 2024

**Present:** Tasha Pitcher, Jodi Gordon, Jacquelyn Reid, Nicole Evanson, Emily Ripley-Davis, Rynne Hamblin, Rose MacAuley, Karen Davis, Adrienne Kidd, Doris Boyd, Darlene Joyce.

**Call to Order:** 6:05 PM

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes**

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### School Advisory Committee (SAC) Minutes

#### 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

<b>Literacy Goal:</b> 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.
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<b>Cycle 1</b>
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High Impact Strategy...
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Teachers will implement Writers' Workshop structure every day</li><li>→ Teachers will identify clear learning goals and success criteria for Writers' Workshop</li></ul> |
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**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 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'kmaw/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:**

- **HRCE P-3 Literacy Initiative** - This initiative continues to be a priority within HRCE. Focusing on scaffolded methods and lessons to move learners towards independence in reading and writing.
- **Indigo Grant & Library Makeover** - We have spent approximately \$2000.00 on new books for the school library. Our Art Specialist, Stacey Allan, has been working with students to paint our nature/forest-themed mural. Community member, Linda Joyce will create tree-shaped book shelves for the Library. We will also receive support from our SLC Carpenter to build cabinets and a learning station. Moving forward this year we will be purchasing dual language books, and working towards hosting a family literacy event.
- **Scool Life Fund (\$3,000)** - As a school, we have applied for the Scool Life Fund which is focused on music education this year and we are seeking support to purchase Indigenous instruments to further our cultural understanding.
- **Go Wild Grant (\$1,500)** - The project is "*Composting and Waste Reduction.*" Students and staff will focus on ways to reduce food waste and how to use food waste as a nutrient source to grow vegetables, and fruits and diversify soil.
- **Choir** - Our school choir performed at the Remembrance Day ceremony and will be performing at the Holiday Concert as well. We are waiting for a response from Sagewood in regards to a carol sing in December.
- **Orffestra** - Our school Orffestra performed at the Remembrance Day ceremony. It was composed of students from grades four and five.
- **Hillside High 5 Awards** - Our student-centered assemblies continue to be a success.

- **Craft Club** - Students in grades 2-5 participated in creating crafts and decorations for the Halloween Howl. A huge thank you to Ms. Megan and the staff who helped to organize and make the craft club a great success.
- **Halloween Howl** - Our Halloween Howl event was another huge success. Lots of positive feedback from students and families. The haunted house and new games that have been added were received well from all. We were able to raise about \$800.00 to further support PTG and school initiatives. A huge thank you to all who helped with the organizing and set up of the event.
- **Remembrance Day Ceremony** - Our school Remembrance Day Ceremony was held on Nov. 8th, 2024 at 1:00pm. The guest speaker this year was Lt Col. Ryan Lawrence. Students in all grade levels including PrePrimary participated in the ceremony and wreath laying.
- **Provincial School Lunch Program** - Overall, students are enjoying the meals. The Lunch Lady is our food provider and the food is delicious!
- **NSTU Provincial Conference Day** - This year's conference was held on Oct. 25th, 2024. Provincial Conference Day provides educators across the province with an opportunity to collaborate with fellow education professionals and build upon their knowledge and understanding of best practices.
- **Pre-Primary Visit from Barbados** - We received positive feedback from the Barbados team about our program and our Pre-Primary team educators.
- **Visit from Susan Tomie (Director of Program and System Services)**
- **Visit from Sackville FOS principals and lead team**
- **Results sent home from Grade 3 provincial assessment**
- **Documented program adaptations sent home**
- **Pre-Service Teachers** - As a school we will have two pre-service teachers learning with our Hillside Park team in Primary Reed, and 3/4 Gordon.
- **Pre-Service ECE** - We will have a pre-service ECE student, Daniel Bower, in Pre-Primary.
- **Additional Staffing Allocation** - EPA Nasim Noorafkanroohi 80% has been added to the Hillside Park team and are waiting to confirm an additional EPA 50% to the team.
- **Green Schools Presentation** - The presentations will take place for all classes on Nov. 20th. Students will learn how to be more energy efficient and become more sustainable.
- **Halifax Wanderers Workshop**: Each class will have an opportunity in PE classes on Thursday, Nov. 21st, to work with the coaches of the Halifax Wanderers a Canadian premier soccer league.
- **Assessment & Evaluation Day** - Teachers will prep and write report cards on Nov 22nd.
- **Report Cards** - Report cards will be sent home via EduPost on Dec 1st.
- **Teacher Professional Practice Day** - Teachers will have the opportunity to prep, PLC with fellow educators, etc. on Dec 5th (morning only). **Parent/Teacher Conferences** will take place in the afternoon and evening of Dec. 5th.
- **School Safety:**
  - Visit from Fire Marshall
  - Tiny Home Community in Lower Sackville

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Holiday Concert (Dec 11, Snow Date Dec. 12)
- Spirit Days
- Hot Choc. Day - Purchase Lactose-Free, class lists, and indicate any allergies

### **SAC Funds**

- 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 \$1200 gives us approximately \$6700 to spend
- Vote: Members will vote for the use of funds for this year.
- Note: SAC Members have voted to purchase chairs and tables for the Library.

### **Upcoming SAC Meeting Dates:**

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

### **New Business:**

- School Events - (building bookings)
  - Jan 23 - Movie Night
  - Feb 27 - Winter Dance
  - Apr 25 - Student Tea/Showcase (Poetry)
  - May 29 - Spring Fling
  - June 20 - Ice Cream Social

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## **Parent-Teacher Group (PTG) Minutes**

### **PTG:**

#### **Halloween Howl Debrief:**

This years Halloween Howl took place on October 24th from 6:00-7:30pm; leaving time to clean up. The PTG created stations for students to participate in during the Halloween Howl. Teachers and PTG members signed up for the station they wish to assist at. A few of our teaching staff were away for Provincial Conference and were unable to volunteer for the event.

An entrance fee of \$10.00 (suggested donation) was collected at the welcome table to assist in future PTG initiatives. We were able to raise approximately \$800.00.

We received donations from: Giant Tiger, Atlantic Super Store, Sobeys (First Lake), Vegetorium, Brytor Moving, Tall Ships Trading Company, Foosing Restaurant, the Griffin Family and the Dhillon Family.

Stations Included: Haunted House (Music Room), Witches Cave (Excel Room), Witches Hat Ring Toss, Water Potion Table (In Witches Cave), Monster Bean Bag Toss, Sucker Pull, Pin the Tail, Pumpkin Tic-Tac-Toe, Witches Broom Relay, Candy Guess, Temporary Tattoo, Spin the Wheel, Poke a Pumpkin, Witches Bullseye, Craft Station, Maze Game, Eyeball Race.

**Upcoming School Events & Future Event Ideas:**

- Jan 23 - Movie Night
- Feb 27 - Winter Dance
- Apr 25 - Student Tea/Showcase/Art Show/Trivia Night ?
- May 29 - Spring Fling
- June 20 - Ice Cream Social ?

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:57 pm

**Submitted By:** Emily Ripley-Davis (Vice Principal)