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SAC / PTG Minutes for Tuesday, February 11th, 2025

Present: Tasha Pitcher, Jacquelyn Reid, Emily Ripley-Davis, Tammy McMullin, Doris Boyd, Darlene Joyce, Jodi Gordon, Ryanne Hamblin, Rose MacAuley,

Regrets: Taralee Dubray, Christina Dorey, Neelima Alam, Ramendeeep Dhillon, Jagdeep Singh Dhillon, Umut Bag, Justine MacDonald, Karen Davis, Adrienne Kidd, Nicole Evanson

Call to Order: 6:21 PM

School Advisory Committee (SAC) Minutes

Approval of Last Meeting 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

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 2

High Impact Strategy...

Grades P-2 (Engagement in Writing)

- Teachers will provide opportunities for students to create meaningful texts that reflect their identities, cultures, communities, and families, encouraging them to express their unique voices and perspectives.

Grades 3-5 (Organization in Writing)

- Teachers will improve students' ability to organize their writing effectively across genres, including the use of transitions to connect ideas smoothly.

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 2

High Impact Strategy...

- Teachers will strengthen students' conceptual understanding of number relationships, with a focus on computational fluency
- Teachers will plan culturally and linguistically responsive lessons to meet students where they are through targeted instruction based on the analysis of evidence gathered (using the 3-part lesson format)

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 2

- We will foster a school-wide culture of growth mindset to support student resilience and perseverance, aligned with Hillside Park's focus on well-being and the concept of Netukulimk (Respect, Responsibility, Relationships, Reciprocity)

Principal's Report

Recent Events:

- **P-2 Literacy Data**
- **Indigo Grant & Library Makeover** - The new tables for the Library have arrived and the new chairs will be arriving soon! We have a bulk order of books arriving throughout the month of February as we spend our grant funding for the year. Total number of books ordered and grant funds spent will be shared at our next meeting.
- **Movie Night** - The Family Movie Night went over really well. Lots of positive feedback from families that attended. One thing to note was that a lot of students and families were sick so attendance was lower than last year.
- **Discovery Centre:** Through the grant program Day Trippers, 5 classes were able to attend the Discovery Centre. These classes included 2KD, 2/3M, 3/4G, 4P and 5D.
- **Tattletales Campaign for Books** - For the full month of February students are invited to bring in coins to raise funds to go towards new books for all classrooms. Currently we have raised approximately \$1600.00
- **Valentines for Vets** - In collaboration with Veterans Affairs Canada. Each class was encouraged to create and share valentines to Veterans or Canadian Armed Forces members from within our community.
- **Valentine's Day** - Students and staff are encouraged to wear red/white/pink as we have a spirit day to help support fundraising efforts for the Coins for Books program.

- **Drum Club** - A class set of djembe drums have been borrowed from Halifax Regional Arts. Ms. Ripley-Davis is working with students in grades 3-5; learning the different parts of the drums, practicing different rhythm patterns, etc. Students will have the opportunity to share their learning at the February Hillside High Five Assembly.
- **African Heritage Month** - Throughout the month of February staff and students will focus on honoring African heritage, and celebrate the culture, achievements, and contributions of Black Nova Scotians—both past and present.
- **Keonte Beals Presentation (Feb 12th)** - Keonté Beals has worked with schools and organizations across the country, bringing stories to life through engaging presentations, music, and motivational storytelling.
- **Tennis in PE** - A local tennis instructor worked with Mr Sutton and each class, sharing techniques and building upon students' understanding of the sport.
- **Changemakers** - As a school community the grade 4 and 5 students have had the opportunity we form the Hillside Changemakers. So far this term the Change Makers have focused on developing a new school mascot, school Colours, and enhancing school clothing based on student surveys, and feedback.
- **Grant Writing Workshop** - The Community Health Board has organized an information session that will review the application guidelines of community funding and grant programs. Ryanne and Rose have shared an interest in attending the workshop.

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 have voted to use the SAC funds for new tables and chairs for the Library.
- Tables from Ven Rex purchased (5 tables totaling \$3266)

Upcoming SAC Meeting Dates:

- Apr 15th
- May 13th
- June 10th

New Business:

- School Events (building bookings)
 - Feb 27 - Dance (Glow theme)

- Apr 24 - Trivia
 - May 29 - Spring Fling
 - June 20 - Ice Cream Social
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Parent-Teacher Group (PTG) Minutes

PTG:

- **Family Dance** - On Feb. 27th, the PTG will be hosting a family dance. The dance will be glow in the dark theme. Glow sticks will be available to purchase for \$25cents each with a \$5.00 entrance fee. Lighting will be rented from Long and Mcquade. Music will be shared via computer and speakers.
- **Trivia Night** - April 15th. Ms Reid will work on collecting trivia questions. It was suggested we sell pizza slices instead of the usual canteen items (chocolate bars, chips, etc). To mark the trivia questions, different tables will score the responses. Prizes could be different local chocolates and chocolate bars. Ex: Peace By Chocolate, Sweet Spot Chocolate Shop, etc.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:01 PM

Submitted by: Emily Ripley-Davis