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SAC Minutes for April 15, 2025

Present: Tasha Pitcher, Jacqulyn Reid, Tammy McMullin, Karen Davis, Adrienne Kidd, Doris Boyd, Darlene Joyce, Ryanne Hamblin, Rose MacAuley, Nicole Evanson

Regrets: Emily Ripley-Davis, Christina Dorey, Jodi Gordon

Call to Order

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. 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

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 3

High Impact Strategy...

P-3 Tier 1 Strategy:

• Teachers will explicitly teach and model addition and subtraction strategies together during whole-class instruction, with a focus on building students' understanding of the relationship between the two operations and promoting flexible thinking

4-5 Tier 2 Strategy:

• Teachers will provide targeted, small-group intervention for students not meeting the grade-level benchmark in addition and subtraction, with a focus on strengthening computational fluency through strategy development and the use of efficient, flexible methods

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 3

High Impact Strategy...

- Teachers will explicitly teach and model **elaboration** (adding relevant details, specific description, and examples to develop ideas)
- Teachers will provide regular opportunities for students to apply these strategies during daily Writers' Workshop

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 3

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Principal's Report

- Data collection in Literacy and Math
- Math Coach Janet Budden back for a coaching block
- Preparing for LM3 (grade 3 provincial assessment in Math/Literacy)
- Continued focus on Writing: we are noticing positive changes in student writing
- Report Cards, Family/Teacher Interviews, Professional Practice Day
- Indigo Grant & Library Makeover (beautiful new shelving!)
- Author Visits: Emil Sher, Jessica Scott Kerrin, Heidi Rushton
- Bill Oakey Domino Man
- Tattletales Campaign for Books February (top fundraising school!!)
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Yoga in PE classes- March/April
- Changemakers- Mascot, School Colours, School Clothing
- Run Club (Bluenose Marathon)
- School Photographer for 25-26: Contact from Paul Adams (current), Everest Solutions, Lifetouch
- Grant Writing Workshop
- French Cultural Connections Grant: *French Language Day* (grades 4 and 5)
- International Dance Day
- Updated Food and Nutrition Policy
- April 30 Professional Learning Day- Safe School Strategy

25-26 School Enrolment:

- Increase in registrations: almost all classes are over cap now
- New allocation will reflect current and projected enrollment for next year (increase from 8 to 9 classrooms). This will also change circuit positions and staffing

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:

- May 13
- June 10

New Business:

Apr 24 Trivia Night

- Student and Staff Led
- Prizes

May 29 Spring Fling

- Class Baskets
- Cupcake Walk
- Donation Letters

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 PM

Submitted by: Jacqulyn Reid