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SAC / PTG Minutes for Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Present: Christina Dorey, Jacquelyn Reid, Emily Ripley-Davis, Cheryl Brann, Stephanie Dube, Rose MacAuley, Justine Macdonald, Taralee Dubray, Tammy McMullin, Adrienne Kidd, Nicole Evanson, Tasha Pitcher, Ryanne Hamblin

Regrets:

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Review of Last Month Meeting Minutes

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.

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...

- Teachers will provide intentional opportunities for students to explore the reciprocity between reading and writing.

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...

- All teachers will gather ongoing evidence of learning for students in relation to computational fluency.

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 explicitly teach growth mindset and strategies to promote positive self-talk.

NOTE:

- HRCE P-3 Literacy Initiative; focus on Phonological and Phonemic Awareness, utilizing the UFLI Resource, and engaging in professional development and understanding of brain-based research surrounding literacy.
- Fact Fluency Priority; focus within grades 4-6 last year, it has now been extended to all grade levels this year. Working on creating little kits for games and activities (dice, dominoes, counters, etc.)
- A continued focus on Well-being and Equity
- We are currently in cycle 2

Principal's Report

Recent Events:

- **Tattletales Campaign for Books**
- **Spirit Days**
- **Rocky Lake Pottery Lab:** Gr 3/4 Stanton travelled to the Rocky Lake pottery labs through Halifax Regional Arts for their second session
- **Registration:** February is Registration Month! We are looking for families to spread the word as it is important to have enrollment numbers as it influences job allocations.
- School Safety
- **African Heritage Month:** February is African Heritage Month, this year the theme is "Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience as African Nova Scotians."
- **Buddy Day Challenge:** A few classes are participating in the Buddy Day Challenge, entries will be accepted until Feb 22, 2024 with winners being announced shortly after.
- Family Movie Night
- Assistive Technology Specialist
- French Grant
- Canada Post Grant

Upcoming Events/Opportunities:

- **Writers in the Schools (WITS):** Authors Camilla Thompson (March) and Jessica Scott Kerrin (April)
- **TILT Professional Learning**
- **Stadacona Concert:** Students in grade 2/3 MacNeil, 4/5 Cawthra and 4/5 Dunn will travel to Mount Saint Vincent University to observe the Stadacona band perform on Feb 21st.

- **BINGO:** The PTG will host a family BINGO night in the school gym on Feb 22nd.
- **Discovery Centre Trip (4/5 Dunn and Cawthra): Daytrippers Grant**
- **QMack Presentation:** NBA All-Star Entertainer Q-MACK is on a mission to transform your students into "All-Star students" by spelling out what the term "ALL-STAR" really means! Attitude, Leadership, Love, Self-control, Teamwork, Accountable, Respect.
- **Dave Carroll Presentation:** Dave is a singer-songwriter and social media innovator from Halifax who recently wrote a children's book "Tom the Tomato Plant." Tom the Tomato Plant is the journey of a smaller-than-average tomato plant named Tom. When all the other plants at the farmers market were claimed, Tom remained alone, dejected and lost until, one day, a little girl persuades her family to give Tom a forever home. The story evolves into an inspiring tale of self-actualization, gratitude, resilience and *living on purpose*. Tom The Tomato Plant is a story of compassion and the transformative ripples that are created with *small acts of caring-on-purpose*.

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 gives us approximately \$7800.00
- SAC members have decided to spend the funds on books, flexible seating, and the library/maker space upgrade. Current funds spent by the SAC include:
 - Syllasense Decodable Books 963.30
 - Leveled Books from Blueberry Hill \$998.24
 - Phonological Letter Tiles \$493.30
 - Tattletales literacy infusion upper elementary 1502.67

Upcoming SAC Meeting Dates:

- Apr 9th
- May 14th
- June 11th

Parent-Teacher Group (PTG) Minutes

PTG Funds - Currently the PTG account has \$1615.57.

- **School Events (building bookings):**
 - Feb 22 - Bingo
 - Apr 25 - Dance and Clothing Swap
 - May 23 - Spring Fling
 - June 20 - Ice Cream Social

New Business -

- School BINGO Night
- April Dance and Clothing Swap
- May Spring Fling

Meeting Adjourned:

Submitted By: Emily Ripley-Davis