SAC Meeting Minutes DSES March 4, 2024

Supporting Student Success

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| Literacy Goal: * To improve student achievement in reading
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| Math Goal: * To improve student achievement in math
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| Wellness Goal:* We will improve student well-being at our school
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| Meeting called to order at 6:05pmAttendance: Tina Richard (Administration)Laura King (Parent) SecretaryKim Curry (Community Member)Tasha Ransome (Parent)Barb Juliusson (Teacher)Chrystal Strong (ECE)Stacey Noseworthy (Parent) Send regrets:Kelly Frame (Parent) ChairAndrea Barrett (Teacher) |
| Approval of agenda by  | Motion by Tasha RansomeSeconded by Laura King |
| Approval of minutes by  | Change to Chrystal as ECEMotion by approved minutes with listed edit by Tina RichardSeconded by Laura King |
| SSP:  | Goals –* 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.
* 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.
* 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.

Report – * Significant improvements in reading and high marks in math
* Writing continues to be a struggle – many in Gr 6 didn’t meet expectations and it is a trend EECD is seeing across the province.
* Grade 6 is showing this as they have had a focus on reading over the past 3 years more heavily.
* Hoping to see a big change with grade 3 students this year – attention span and writing for 45 minutes is a challenge.
* We may not see the immediate results from the new focuses we are putting on writing, but we are seeing more confidence in the students
* Math – competency fluency. Students are starting to see that they can find the answer with more ease and that is building confidence.
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| Principal Report: | Wellness Wednesday * Seeing a big change in the students. They are excited about it. They may not love all the stations but they really like seeing all the kids together. The activity stations all have a physical, nutritional and/or emotional health focus.
* Suggestion made to do the “I like you because” activity with each student identifying something they really like in another student and finding a way to tell them in a unique way. Maybe they paint it on a rock, or make tiny books that each of their classmates can write one thing they like about them in. Positive affirmations.

Seven Sacred Teachings * School has been recognizing students and classes. Looking forward to finer weather so we can have smudging ceremonies.
* Medicine pouch activity was suggested where students learn about the healing herbs but also the idea around putting items in their medicine pouch that triggers a positive memory of a time or person.

 Field Trip * School went to the dome. Went really smoothly Ms Harnish set up great activity stations in the dome for anyone not skating.

In School Activities* Ms Harnish has begun offering open gym for the older students.
* Introducing hobby horse club to the younger students.
* Introducing moving and grooving Walking Club Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Optional for the students.

Healthy School Grant $850 * Received the Healthy School Grant. The money can be used to purchase items to be used for programming and is meant to be used on something that lasts a while.
* Purchased a speaker and cup stacking activities for indoor days that can be played in the gym. Frisbee Golf net was purchased as well.
* Purchasing board games for playing across classes with buddies.
* Question was asked if the school would take donations? Yes
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| SAC Purchases:  | We have $5300 to spend* Requests: 1 - Hire Quincy Mac – Basketball motivational speaker – Be an All Star ~$1300; 2 – iPad purchase for Phys Ed curriculum; 3 – books to support literacy.
* Laura King moved for spending requests to be approved and Tasha Ransome seconded.

Old Business* Trying to cover the outdoor classroom. If we don’t spend all this year’s SAC budget, we could defer a portion to next year to be able to have enough to cover the outdoor classroom
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| Any Other Business:  | Photographer Contract* The current guy has brought back out a proposal and offered the school a signing bonus.
* Local photographer put in a proposal a while ago
* Need to submit the proposal by our next meeting and then we would select one.

School lunches* Delivery is getting better; now coming later and closer to our lunch time.
* Concerns were raised by SAC members that the portion sizes, and food quality continues to be an issue. The comment was made that “we have an amazing breakfast program – it is sad that the lunch program isn’t as good.”
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| Future meeting dates: | April 8 - 6pm via Zoom |
| Adjourn: | Tasha adjourns meeting 6:28pm |