SAC Meeting Minutes DSES October 8, 2024

Supporting Student Success

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| Literacy Goal:   * To improve student achievement in reading |
| Math Goal:   * To improve student achievement in math |
| Wellness Goal:   * We will improve student well-being at our school |

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| Meeting called to order at 6:05pm  Attendance:  Tina Richard (Administration)  Kelly Frame (Parent) Chair  Laura King (Parent) Secretary  Kim Curry (Community Member)  Tasha Ransome (Parent)  Barb Juliusson (Teacher)  Stacey Noseworthy (Parent)  Send regrets:  Crystal Strong (Teacher)  Andrea Barrett (Teacher)  Stepped down from council:  Darren LaSaga (Parent) | |
| Approval of agenda by | Motion by Barb Juliusson  Seconded by Laura King |
| Approval of minutes by | Motion by Stacey Noseworthy  Seconded by Laura King |
| SSP: | The key goals have not changed:   * Students did very well in literacy and mathematics. * We will improve achievement in writing. To begin we will be introducing targeted writing lessons to help inform teachers and staff about where the focus needs to be to help with our students.   As a school DSES is also focusing on wellbeing, specifically in reference to values and manners. The lessons of the 7 Sacred Teachings has been introduced to students and will be weaved into Wellness Wednesday programming as well.  **ACTION ITEM** – Laura to connect Tina with female elder who assisted with a project at her work. |
| Principal Report: | Tina and Kelly attended the most recent Provincial Conference for SAC Chairs and Principals. Dr Sam Hicklox was the keynote speaker and spoke about addictions and mental health.  They provided two breakout sessions at the conference focusing on SSP and funding for school-based initiatives.  The Innovation fund will be available again this year providing $10,000 grants. Laura asked if the innovation fund could be used towards the roof for the outside classroom. It is all in how the proposal is framed. One school in Prospect did get the funding last year for an enclosed outdoor learning classroom.  **ACTION ITEM** – Laura volunteered to work with a couple of people to write the proposal.  Dr. Strang was also present to speak about the new hot lunch program. Sample menus were available. Stacey asked where the meals will be provided from. Food will be delivered in Styrofoam coolers that keep the food hot for up to four hours.  DSES has topped up orders slightly to cover if a parent does not have access to the internet to order or forgets to order.  In addition, DSES are trying to incorporate more fresh fruit into the Breakfast Program.  After a month with the no cellphones in classrooms policy the feedback from teachers has been positive. |
| SAC Purchases: | SAC funding is to support SAC operations and undertake special initiatives supporting student learning and outcomes in the schools.  No new grant funds received yet. There is $1306.82 remaining in the account from last year.  The Primary to Grade 2 Literacy Lead has asked for assistance with the reading program to purchase new materials. Stacey motioned; Tina Seconded. Spending Approved  Math Education Lead has asked for an iPad to utilize in the classroom for math related activities. Laura motioned. Stacey Seconded. Spending Approved. |
| Any Other Business: | SAC Member Terms Review  2nd year - Kelly Frame (Parent) Chair  2nd year - Laura King (Parent) Secretary  2nd year - Kim Curry (Community Member)  1st year - Tasha Ransome (Parent)  3rd year - Stacey Noseworthy (Parent) |
| Future meeting dates: | November 26 at 6 pm (In person)  End of February (Virtual)  End of April (Virtual)  End of May (In person)  Middle of June (In person)  **ACTION ITEM** – Tina to send out potential dates for Winter and Spring meetings. |
| Adjourn: | 7:00 pm |