



SAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 · 6:00 pm · Google Meet

Attendees:

Heather Napoli, Chair - Parent Representative
Lauren Bowes, Secretary - Support Staff Representative
David O'Brien - Principal
Melanie Connors-Blades - Teacher Representative
Shelley Mills - Community Representative

Regrets: Liz Hallett, Vice-Chair - Parent Representative

Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting

No changes were made to the minutes of the November 2024 meeting. All members in favor of accepting the November minutes as presented.

Principal's Report to the SAC

David O'Brien presented the Principal's Report to the SAC. ESM has a current school population of 79 students, with one new student expected to arrive in early February.

- **Academics & Data**

- ESM has had no provincial assessments since our last meeting.
- ESM continues to collect school-based data in both Math and Reading & Writing.
 - School-based assessments are used by teachers who work in a continuous cycle of assessment > planning > re-assessment > planning, and so on and so forth.
 - Assessments are used when looking at individual students, classes as a whole, for discussing between staff members in Teacher Support Team meetings and other collaborations, and as part of our school-wide reflection on our practices.

- **Student Success Planning**

- We will continue to have literacy, math, and well-being goals.
- We are working to firm up our short cycle goals.
- The principal literacy goal for all of HRCE is to have every student reading at grade level by the end of grade 2.
- Our plan for support students with identified needs:
 - Tier 1 - Whole Class
 - Tier 2 - Small Group
 - Tier 3 - Individual

- **Maintenance & Safety**

- Security cameras have been installed.
 - Security cameras were installed in response to a number of break-ins, which occurred last spring.
 - We do not have access to the footage yet, but we are waiting for that to be shared.

- The cameras are very high definition, and we are told that from across a parking lot, the cameras are able to identify a vehicle's VIN number, which is located on the dashboard of most vehicles.
 - Two new outdoor plugs have been installed.
 - This will give us access to electricity outdoors without having to run cords through classroom windows.
 - Fire safety standards have been checked again, and areas of concern have been recorded.
 - All standard will be brought to code by January 31, 2025.
 - These standards were sent to us from the HRCE from the Fire Marshall, and safety checks were conducted in-house.
- **Skating Program**
 - Three events are scheduled with the first one on January 24, 2025. We look forward to seeing everyone there.
 - Upcoming dates: February 7, 2025 and February 21, 2025
- **School Events**
 - January 17, 2025: Presentation by the RCMP to students in Grades 3-6 about Online Citizenship and using Kind Words
 - January 27-31, 2025: Family Literacy Week
 - Monday, January 27: Stop, Drop, and Read!
 - Tuesday, January 28: Hot chocolate and reading in the Gym
 - Wednesday, January 29: Lunar New Year Celebrations
 - Thursday, January 30: Book Exchange
 - Friday, January 31: Reading in PJ's Day
 - February 13, 2025: Family Valentine's Dance
 - February 18-20, 2025: Gail Teixeira and her team will be visiting ESM with a program on African Kumba (hair weaving)
- **Professional Development**
 - Melanie Connors-Blades: Literacy in Learning Disabilities Conference
 - Colleen Cavanaugh: Innovative Schools Conference
 - Margaret MacEachern: Computational Fluency Training in Math
 - David O'Brien: Training for Principals in the following areas:
 - Creating Culturally Safe Spaces
 - The Educational Leadership Standards
 - Universal Design for Learning
- **Breakfast Program**
 - We are continuing to serve breakfast to all students through volunteer hours each day of the week.
- **Lunch Program**
 - We are continuing to see success with the NS School Lunch Program and are regularly providing student, staff, and administrative feedback to HRCE Program Managers as needed.
- **Swimming Program**
 - Lauren will pick up where Lesley Publicover left off last year by calling the Spryfield Wave Pool to see if we can make arrangements with them for a few sessions of Open Swim for our school community.
- **School Merchandise**
 - The Home & School Association is taking the lead on this and hopes to have something up and running for school merchandise purchasing this spring.
- **Adjournment - 6:40 PM**