

Harrietsfield Elementary School

SAC Meeting Minutes November 12, 2020

In attendance: James Neary, Christina Neary, Nicole McKeever, Holly Lake, Gail Langille, Teri McGinn,
Regrets: Kathy Reinhardt, Treena Biddington

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes-none to approve

Student Success Plan Goals

- Literacy-To improve student achievement in writing in the areas of ideas, organization and conventions.
- Math-To improve student achievement in number sense through problem solving.
- Well-Being-To improve student well being at our school through responsive practices.

Student Success Plan Update

- Literacy Coach block from October 13-November 13 with Grades P/1Bishop, 2/3Jorgensen, 3/4Desroches. It is a student-centered coaching model where teachers and coaches collaborate to co-plan and co-facilitate daily lessons based on evidence of student learning and curriculum outcomes.
- Math Coaching block starting November 16-December 22 with Grades PEmery, 2/3Jorgensen and 4/5King.

New items

- Review of school reopening-public health guidelines are implemented and reinforced regularly (hand hygiene, mask wearing, personal space). Staff and students have adjusted to new practices. Planning is now focused on Plan B, which is the Blended Learning model where Grades PP-8 see reduced cohort sizes to 15 and strict 2m physical distancing. Smaller cohort sizes means more groups that require their own classroom space. One group of grade 6 students (14 students) and Ms. Swinamer would use a classroom space at JLI along with cohorts from other schools (CES, JWMFT and CH). Students would be bused to JLI in this scenario. Grades 9-12 would engage in at home learning. Plan C would be all students learning from home. Discussion around wifi, technology access, juggling family schedules took place.
- Staffing updates (Teri)-VP Crystal MacLean will remain on leave until June. Ms. Jorgensen will remain as the 50% teacher in the Grade 2/3 classroom and Gail Langille will fill the 50% VP position.
- Breakfast Program update (Christina and Nicole)-the transition to baskets delivered to classrooms has worked. Additional time is required for COVID required prep work. Discussions around possible ways to increase volunteers.

- Review of SAC bylaws-no revisions unless we can amend for community members to allow Pre-primary parents to fill this role. Teri to seek clarification.
- SAC funding-share guidelines with teachers and have them submit requests for review by SAC.
- Volunteer recruitment-seeking three community members. Can't have a student registered at the school. Must live in the community or offer a service within the community. Include this in the next newsletter. Share via word of mouth. Can Pre-primary parents be community members?
- Other-updated messaging on Safe Arrival line to be more inclusive: a)'the child's name' instead of 'your child' and b) instead of 'his or her class' change it to 'their class'; water fountain usage permitted, but families asked to send a filled water bottle daily to reduce group touch points; no daily announcements due to staggered recesses and lunches. Teachers have been provided with links to a variety of versions of O' Canada to use in class at a time that fits in the daily schedule. The land acknowledgement must be revisited.

Old Items

- Parking lot-morning drop off has been smoother at the school this year so far. Holly Lake has been greeting students as they are dropped off so drivers can stay in vehicles (drop and go). Cars are waiting for buses to exit before pulling in to the round about. Discussion about drop off space along Old Sambro Road and possible path from road through the outdoor classroom to the school. It was suggested to contact Brendan Maguire to discuss this and fencing along Old Sambro Rd (2018-2019 topic). Increased traffic noted at HWCC. This could become problematic when the centre reopens.

Home and School Update

- Dielemans Fundraising Campaign closed November 6 and was completely online. Approximate profit was over \$1000.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, December 10 at 6:00pm via Zoom.