

**SAC Meeting Minutes  
May 28th, 2024 (6:00pm)**

**Members Present**

- Sara Walker (Principal)
- Liz Struif-Mandishora (SAC Chair)
- Richard Michaud (Teacher)
- Mike Murray (Teacher)
- Michelle Cormier (Parent)
- Bryana (Student)
- Marcus Sarmiento (Student)
- Kanishga Pradeep (Students)

**Absences**

- Craig Nelson
- Bruce Holland (Community member)
- Liz Sequeira (Parent)

**Approval of Agenda & Minutes**

- Approval of agenda and minutes were motioned by Mike Murray and seconded by Michelle Cormier

**Discussion Items**

- **Student members were introduced & shared what they enjoyed this year at ESS**
  - Bryana-Cinderella-acting, drama and writing. Theatrical drama club was a great way to express herself and she looks forward to the personal growth that comes with it. Ms. Boyle does an audition and chooses the role that is the best fit. Then they rehearse on Tuesdays and Fridays at lunch. Used to take acting lessons.
  - Marcus Sarmiento-Spring fair-Lots of volunteers and activities, low cost, not a lot of cake walk players so they gave cupcakes away to volunteers and students at the end of the fair. Bouncy castle was really popular and it was a really hot day. Most popular thing was the bouncy castle, ice cream store and face painting/tattoos.
  - Kanishga-Sports-badminton and track was her favourite and to play with other schools. Track allows lots of variety. Phys ed teacher did a great job.
- **Principal Report**
  - Enrollment 620-625 students registered
  - Next year-12 English elementary classes
  - 6 English Junior High classes
  - 4 French Immersion elementary classes
  - 4 French Immersion Junior High classes

**-Maternity leave**

Mme. Ferguson comes back on the June 11  
Katie MacDonald

Emily Munroe -Comes back January 2025

- Guidance Counsellor job posted for 100% due to retirement.
- New 100% elementary literacy support teacher role posted-teacher will go into classes and work along side of the teacher. Only for English.
- Math support teacher JH-recent math data in Grade 8 showed such great progress that they no longer will have her in September. ESS is in the top 5 in Juniors Highs in the region.
- ESS was chosen for the provincial lunch program. Food will have to be brought from offsite. So far it is for PP-5. More to come on this program.
- SAC report-due June 14. Sara has to list name of members, some work we did and how we spent the money.
- Literacy resources have been ordered.
- Haven't heard about the tables yet. Sara will follow up.
- Concerts next year-not a great turnout for students. Some classes only had 5 kids. Suggestion is to perform a holiday concert with Primary-3 and the 4-5's will have a spring concert. Any Grade 6 can join the fine arts night.

- Concerns about ES Parent Facebook page. Unfiltered comments made on the Facebook page when it should be for community building. Some information that should not be shared is being shared. Safety concerns that misinformation is being shared. Discussed having a moderator for the group. Moderators are parents in the community. A recent example was when a parent named other students in the post. It has also been noted that there has been false information shared. Great opportunity for SAC to leverage that connection. How can we work together with admins on fb to ensure information is accurate? Looking into a liaison from SAC and FB admin and be proactive and provide communication on what type of information can be shared on the public parent Facebook page.
- Open house for SAC-first meeting in September-open house in person to try and recruit more SAC members.
- Orientation session a couple weeks ago. Chebucto were given wrong date so couldn't attend.
- School Photographer- Decision was made during a virtual vote to keep the same photographer

Meeting adjournment 7:06 pm

Next meeting-TBD