**SAC Meeting Minutes**

**February 13h 2024 (6:00pm)**

**Members Present**

* Sara Walker (Principal)
* Craig Nelson (Vice Principal)
* Liz Struif-Mandishora (SAC Chair)
* Richard Michaud (Teacher)
* Mike Murray (Teacher)
* Liz Sequeira (Parent)
* Gabe (student)
* Rachel (student)
* Parvati (student)

Absences

* Michelle Cormier (Parent)
* Bruce Holland (Community member)
* Bella (Student)

**Approval of Agenda & Minutes**

* Approval of agenda and minutes were motioned by Richard Michaud and seconded by Liz Sequeira

**Discussion Items**

* **Student members were introduced**
	+ Parvati and Gabe- grade 6
	+ Rachel- grade 8
	+ Bella was absent (grade 7)
* **Parvati and Gabe- Presentation on life in the modular**
	+ Very spacious
		- Lots of room in the halls when getting ready for end of day. Perfect size for the amount of kids in building
		- Everything is brand new (materials, furniture, bathrooms etc.)
		- There are 8 classrooms in the modular. 2 rooms are being used for oral assessments where students may need a quiet space
		- It feels like their own small community and most students are in the same grade
		- They have A/C
		- Students feel very fortunate to be placed in the modular
		- Question: What do you like best about the modular?
			* Parvati loves how everything is brand new
			* Gabe loves how he has his own smaller community
		- Question: What do you think about the bathrooms?
			* Big stalls
			* Clean
			* Gabe feels like there should be more stalls in the boy’s bathrooms. There are only 3 stalls in the boys and 6 in the stalls in the girls
				+ This is because a lot of new bathrooms are gender neutral (there is a formula of stalls per student and this formula matches up) but for some reason they separated the genders for this modular
		- Question: If there is one thing that you can change about the modular, what would it be?
			* Better places to hang your bookbags as the hooks and rods break
			* Better stalls in the bathroom (doors broken)
			* Students in the modular don’t know their way around the main building- especially kids who are new to ESS
			* Mr Michaud will take more care to take tours of main building in September.
* **Rachel- Club at ESS**
	+ Drama club
		- They had a drama club last year and she hopes this will return this year
	+ Clubs are during lunch break
		- Mr K holds a games club (board and computer games)
			* Nice opportunities to stay inside and hang with friends
		- Sketch club by art teacher
			* She would like to see more types of art (painting, making stuff out of cardboard or making stuff out of clay
		- She would like to see a cooking club
	+ Questions: For the board games club are you allowed to bring your own games? Can they keep the games in the classroom?
		- Mr K brings in his own games
		- Students are allowed to bring in their own games for other students to enjoy
	+ What types of games?
		- Uno, card packs, chess, checkers, snakes and ladders
* **Parvati competed in a Black history trivia competition**.
	+ Her team came second and now are headed to semi finals
* **Principal Report**
	+ **Budget/Spending**
		- Trying to get quotes on for the tables
		- Our SAC funds will cover tables and sub coverage for literacy programs
		- Funding would be best spent to free up resource teacher to help with translation of literacy program and get feedback from her

* **School Photographer**
* Next meeting we will discuss this.
* **Open house SAC meeting in April**
	+ We would like to holding an open-house meeting (~April?) for parents and the community to learn about the SAC to encourage recruitment.
	+ It is important for parents to understand what being a member of the SAC involves, so having an open house would help get those parents excited about it
	+ Plan to do this in April and we can tap into the new families to our school
	+ What do we need to get this started?
		- Sara needs to do it on a night that is not already booked
			* She is going to look for a date that works (we just need a library)
		- She will pick a night and then send out an invitation
	+ Can we have student involvement in this meeting?
* **Student success plan**
	+ P-2 literacy
		- Seeing growth in their development
	+ Jr High literacy and math
		- Teachers are working hard
		- The math consultant is here right now
	+ Teachers provide extra help at lunch
		- Students don’t always attend so that is a struggle
* **February is registration month**
	+ Population is now over 600
* **Grade 8 closing**
	+ What is being done?
		- Planning has started
		- There will be a closing ceremony
			* Families are invited to attend
			* There will be awards etc.
		- Year end dance
			* + Evening in Paris theme and set up the library on the night of the dance with treats for grade 8 students
				+ Core French teacher will recruit teachers to help her set this up
				+ No plans for year end trips
* **Next meeting**
	+ April 9th – will be the recruitment meeting

**Moved to end the meeting. Approved by Richard and seconded by Liz**

**Meeting adjournment 6:58 pm**