**SAC Meeting Minutes**

**October 17, 2023 (6:00pm)**

**Members Present**

* Sara Walker (Principal)
* Craig Nelson (Vice Principal)
* Liz Struif-Mandishora (SAC Chair)
* Richard Michaud (Teacher)
* Michelle Cormier (Parent)

**Regrets**

* Mike Murray (Teacher)
* Liz Sequeira (Parent)
* Bruce Holland (Community member)

**Resignations from SAC**

* Bonnie McNeill (Parent)
* Jen Coombs (Parent)
* Kate Casey (Parent)

**Approval of Agenda & Minutes**

* Approval of minutes from last meeting was Richard Michaud and seconded by Michelle Cormier
* A motion to approve the agenda was made by Michelle Cormier and seconded by Richard Michaud

**Discussion Items**

**Modular**

* No camera, key pass hook ups yet. Teachers and students are impressed with the modular.
* Success Plan-wording has been adjusted
* **Literacy Goal**: We will improve achievement in literacy for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi’kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.
* Math Goal: We will improve achievement in mathematics for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi’kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.
* **Well-Being Goal**: We will improve well-being at our school for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi’kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

**Short Cycle Planning-**Teachers/Admin are focussing on short cycle planning ie resource, math support teacher and reading recovery. We received a chrome book cart and very large amount of books.

We currently have 592 students (15 elementary and 8 junior high)

$4,000 was spent on outdoor equipment which includes balls, wall mounted basketball nets and rackets.

There is a positive energy in the school this year, with great collaboration.

**Staffing**

* Music/Band Teacher. Band portion of the music teaching position has been filled. The music portion has not been filled, but the position has been posted. Currently there is a substitute filling in for the music portion.
* There continues to be EPA positions available
* The school has been granted 1.5 admin position. There is currently 1 full time administrator.

**SAC Membership**

* 3 people have decided to step down from SAC which leaves additional membership availability
* Looking to add some diversity to the SAC. Want to make sure it is well balanced. Will provide the option for people to attend in person or via zoom. Also looking to add some students to the SAC committee. Teachers will put some feelers out to see if any parents would like to join SAC. Next SAC meeting will include an invitation to recruit additional members

**SAC Fees**

* $5,000 as a start-up fund each year
* Requesting for a junior high math support teacher
* Requesting stand up desks. Currently getting quotes on these.
* Requesting substitute teacher coverage to allow more prep time for teachers

**Concert**

* Christmas concert for grades P-4 will be organized by Sara Walker and teachers
* Spring concert for grades 5-6 will be presented in the spring
* Band concert for junior high students in the spring

**Bus Concerns**

* Liz has received some concerns from parents that the after school bus ride has not been positive. Students were not feeling safe, chaotic, profanity spoken to children, and overcrowded. Parents were wondering who to submit a complaint to. Liz will be writing a letter on behalf of the SAC committee with these concerns. Sara is going to ride on the bus after school to address any issues.
* Transportation advised there was no profanity used by the bus driver.
* Bus driver has expressed concerns with children not following the code of conduct.

**Photography**

* Contract with Life Touch has expired. Looking for alternate photographer with more economical pricing.

**Attendance**

* Discussed attendance policy

**Upcoming Meetings**

* November 8th
* January 9th
* February 13th
* April 9th
* May or June?