



Cobequid District School

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SAC Meeting Minutes

October 26th, 2021

6:30-7:00 pm

Attendance: Nicki Eikelenboom, Nicky Smith, Jill Sutton, Joslyn Paige, Kristyn Thoms, Sheila Campbell, Veronica Singer, Denise Hilchie, Michelle Singer, Ashley Dickson

Welcome & Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Review/Approval of Agenda: Approved.

Review/Approval of Minutes: Corrections noted.

Assignment/Elections of Chair:

Chair: Nicky Smith, Co-Chair: Jill Sutton, Secretary: Kristyn Thoms

Business Arising From Minutes: None.

Principal's Report:

- 2 months back into school and things are running smoothly. School wide assemblies have been great.
- October has been Mi'kmaq Heritage Month
 - African drumming workshops happened this month and each class had ½ hour experiences.
- Reading buddies has started back up and is being done on Day 1 of the 8 day cycle. Reading buddies includes the Pre-Primary classes, right up to the Grade 6 class.
- Halloween Centers will be happening this Friday and an alert will be sent home for parents.
- Technology Update: some of the Chromebooks have expired which meant most students had Chromebooks, except for some of the Primary class.
 - 8 new computers have come in and now all children have one
- Mr. White will finish up this week as the Gym teacher, and Mrs. Tingley will be starting back.
- Lona has officially given notice of retirement as an EA. Shelly McLellan was hired back in to fill this position.
- Province wide professional development happened Friday, October 22nd.
 - The PD day was done virtually
- 2 new students have started in Grade 2, putting the 2/3/4 class over their cap.
 - The three, Grade 4 students were moved from Mrs. Singers class, upstairs to Mrs. Hilchie's class. Now all of the Grade 4's will be in one class, and Mrs. Singers class will become a 2/3 Split.

- Current Class Sizes:
 - Pre-Primary: 5 students total
 - Primary/One: 22 total (Primary(8), Grade 1(14))
 - 2/3: 20 total (Grade 2(9), Grade 3(11))
 - 4/5/6: 26 total (Grade 4(12), Grade 5(3), Grade 6(11))
- The food policy has been re-visited
 - In 2006 it was presented
 - Now being much stricter with making healthy choices
 - The breakfast and lunch programs, as well as any food administered at the school must now meet the required standards.

SAC Agreement & Bylaws:

- In 2019/2020 it was sent out for review. Templates were given, and they were re-vamped.
- Last year due to COVID, the reports were not submitted
- Our SAC must include 8 voting members: parents, teacher staff, support staff, principal, community member, and a student.
 - More than half of the voting members need to be present to make a decision.
 - We are currently seeking a Grade 6 student to fill the space on the committee.
 - The Annual Report goes out at the end of the year.
- Currently Nicky Smith is Chair, Jill Sutton is Co-Chair and Kristyn Thoms is Secretary.

SSP (Student Success Plan):

- Every year assessments are done throughout the school to look at literacy, math and well-being.
- Literacy: looking at assessing reading levels, and then comprehension in reading. Behaviors of the readers are assessed.
 - Celebration wall: for meeting expectations and showing growth and acknowledgement.
 - Behaviors in writing are evaluated throughout the year as well.
 - Meetings and discussions occur every 6 weeks
- Math: understanding mathematical concepts, problem solving
 - Most children are scared to try in math
 - Looking at engagement, opportunity, risk taking and communication.
 - Is discussed every 6 weeks.
- Well-Being: sense of belonging, school safety, is school welcoming and inclusive.
 - Focused on the social-emotional aspects
 - EDI/MDI are done through the center.

New Business:

- Looking to enhance the communication with families at home and really amp it up this year
 - Website, Facebook, Twitter
 - Surveys will go home asking families about the best ways to communicate with them
 - How can we enhance the communication?
- Looking for opportunities to invite families into the school that don't involve academics, so that the school is felt as an all-encompassing space.
- Nicki looking for someone who may be interested in laying the wreath on behalf of the school, for the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Legion.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, November 23rd, 2021

Adjournment: 7:21 p.m.