



COBEQUID DISTRICT SCHOOL

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SAC Meeting Minutes

November 1st, 2022

6:00 – 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Denise Hilchie, Michelle Singer, Millie Robinson, Joslyn Paige, Kristyn Thoms, Nicky Smith, Ashley Dickson, Christine Dickson, Johnette Thompson, Chris Thompson

Welcome & Call to Order: Nicky Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Review/Approval of Agenda: Joslyn Paige approved the Agenda. Nicky Smith seconds approval.

Review/Approval of Minutes: Denise Hilchie approved the minutes. Ashley seconds approval.

Business Arising From Minutes:

- None

School Improvement Plan Update:

- Cycle one has been completed as of October 28th (6-week block)
- The three main goals as a school are the following:
 1. Literacy
 2. Math
 3. Wellbeing
- 1. Literacy:
 - Reading levels is a continued focus.

- Amy Walsh is a literacy mentor and will be coming in to support CDS, as this is an area of need.
- Amy will mainly be working with the 4,5,6 class, as well as with Mrs. Hilchie and her P, 1, 2 class.
- The teachers at CDS have been meeting collaboratively to support and assist each other. Millie will often join in on these meetings to see if she is able to offer support or a fresh new perspective.
- The students reading and writing behaviors are being reviewed
- Books will no longer be in the “library” and will be brought out and integrated into the classrooms for the students to enjoy more. It was felt the books would serve the students better in this way. Book trolleys will be distributed throughout the classrooms.
- *2. Math:*
 - Building thinking classrooms
 - The use of non-permanent surfaces has been integrated into the math curriculum. (White boards)
 - This new change promotes movement and engagement, as well as giving the students more opportunities to collaborate and problem solve.
 - Next meeting, Millie will update on how this is going.
- *3. Wellbeing:*
 - Safe, welcoming and inclusive school environment
 - Communication was the big issue that parents reported as feedback from previous years.
 - Improvement for home communication has been implemented through weekly emails, monthly newsletters, online Facebook presence, zoom morning announcements.
 - Ray tokens have also been implemented, and students receive “Ray tokens” for meeting expected behaviors.

Principals Report:

- Grade 6 Provincial Assessment- these have been completed.
 - We will get results sometime in the new year.
- Operations and Safety: since our last meeting we have successfully completed fire drills on October 11th and October 25th. Hold and Secure drill was completed on October 21st.
- Covid test kits are available for students.
 - Let the office know if you need any
- 1 free meal is being provided to students each month.
 - This month we are planning Subway on Nov. 8

- Announcements continue to be done over zoom. Students have taken well to this. Millie's hope is to start highlighting student writing.
- School trip to Noggins Farm and the local Fire Department were well received.
- Teachers taking part in building cultural competence through monthly PD from the regional center.
 - The first module was done on Tuesday, Oct. 25th.
- Planning on a Remembrance Day ceremony for CDS.
 - Lona White and Maralyn Ralph from the Noel Legion will be attending.
 - We have purchased a wreath for this event and will be looking for a student to place it at the legion ceremony on Nov. 11th.
- Report cards will be distributed on Nov. 23. Parent teacher is Nov.24th (evening) and Nov. 25th (morning).
 - Staff will participate in PD on the afternoon of Nov. 25th.

New Business:

- There has been some talk of a new logo creation for the school that would involve a change in the name from the Cobequid Rays to the Cobequid Coyotes.

HOWL would stand for:

- H: Helpful
 - O: Organized
 - W: Willingness
 - L: Leadership
- If the new logo is approved, the hope is to have clothing available for all the students to purchase through an online forum before Christmas. Logo items would be used for some of the prizes for students throughout the school year.
 - Chris asked what the cost involved would be, but the purchases will be as needed and therefore the overhead cost is minimal.
 - *Nicky Smith motioned to approve the creation of a new logo for Cobequid District School. Chris seconds motion. All members are in favor of the new logo.*
 - Johnette is curious about the new app for reporting absences, but most of her questions were answered by the fact that the new App hasn't officially gone live yet. More feedback on this at the next meeting.
 - Moira Peters would like to join the committee again this year. We look forward to having Moira back with us.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 29th

Adjournment: Nicky Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.