



## **SAC Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**6:00 – 7:00 pm**

**In Attendance:** Moira Peters, Christine Dickson, Joslyn Paige, Denise Hilchie, Kristyn Thoms, Michelle Singer, Millie Robinson, Melanda Greene

**Welcome & Call to Order:** Jolsyn called the meeting to order @ 6:04 p.m.

**Review/Approval of Agenda:** Joslyn approved the Agenda

**Review/Approval of Minutes:** Denise approved the Minutes

### **Business Arising From Minutes:**

- Millie was hoping to make things more manageable for the teachers this school year, but her schedule has not allowed her to do so.
  - Millie's role as Principal and Resource Support has her spending a significant amount of time with high needs students because there are not enough Educational Assistants to cover all of the needs within the school.
- Current EA's, Amy Perry and Shelly McLellan's jobs have been posted and are expected to be filled soon.
- Michelle inquired about the money situation for the SAC
  - \$214.42 is currently sitting in the account
  - \$5000 will be added for this coming school year
  - A Mental Health Grant has been allotted for teacher education in the amount of \$500
- {Melanda enters at 6:18 p.m. 😊}

### **Principals Report:**

- School Communication: Weekly Emails, Monthly Newsletter, CDS Facebook Page
- Hiring for the P-4 Math position was completed. Congratulations to Brittani Hamilton who was the successful applicant.
- 2 EA positions were posted this week. The first position has been casual and is moving to term. The other is due to Amy King's resignation. I wish Amy all the best as she and her family move to New Brunswick. Interviews for these positions will take place next week.
- Grade 6 Provincial Assessment: This has begun and will be completed next week.
- Operations and Safety (Fire Drill- Sept. 8, Sept. 28; Code Blue Lockdown Sept. 20) Another fire drill is scheduled for later this month, as well as a code green Hold & Secure.
- Milk program is back at CDS.
  - Cost is approximately \$80/week
- Hot Lunch is up and running. It has been well received by students.
  - Ordering and payment is through School Cash.
- Announcements are being done over zoom. This was done last year and helps build our school community.
- Monthly assemblies for the year are scheduled to recognize and celebrate the wonderful things happening at CDS!
- The Terry Fox Run was very successful- 100% student and staff participation.
- Pridham's completed school photos this year. In May, Lifetouch had indicated to keep a September picture day, a charge of \$5/student would need to be paid; or we could move picture day to January.
- Teachers took part in a PD session titled "Active Smarter Kids" - this is to promote outdoor learning.
- A school trip is scheduled to Wildlife Park for Wednesday, Oct. 25. This could potentially change as I have received word that buses will not be able to depart until at least 9:30am
- Denise Hilchie is doing Reading Recovery
  - she has assessments done and is working with her caseload.
- Teachers are taking part in building cultural competence from the regional center again this year- this PD will be shared with staff during staff meetings.
- Planning a Remembrance Day ceremony for CDS on Nov. 9. Plans are to reach out to Lona White and the legion for presence during this ceremony.
- October is Mi'kmaq History Month- activities and learning opportunities will happen throughout the school.

### **Agreements & By-Laws**

- The agreements and by-laws are signed annually by all parties. They are completed at the first meeting.

- Structure of Council:
  - Principal
  - 4 Parents
  - 3 Staff (2 Teachers & 1 Support)
  - 1 Community Member
- The SAC committee updated the new Agreements and By-Laws. Finalization will take place at our next meeting once we secure a community member.

**New Business/Public Input:**

- None

**Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Michelle adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.