



SAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 18th, 2023

6:00 – 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Christine Dickson, Beth Gero, Ginette Johnson, Nicky Smith, Joslyn Paige, Millie Robinson, Kristyn Thoms, Michelle Singer, Denise Hilchie, Moira Peters

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

Review/Approval of Agenda: Nicky approved the agenda.

Review/Approval of Minutes: Ginette approved the minutes.

Business Arising From Minutes:

- Melanie Mosher, one of our three visiting authors cancelled on January 9th and was replaced by Jan Coates.
- Our mental health grant of \$500 was spent on a PD Day January 2nd where the teachers joined with KDS and RDS to participate in a well-being day.
 - There was a presentation about social media and what students are using most, Apps that are being used etc. This was a very informative session.
 - A journalling workshop was well-received and enjoyed by the teachers and staff.
 - Burnout for teachers was addressed during the PD Day and how it can be avoided. By doing healthy deposits for yourself, you are better able to support and be there for others. This was a very informative session and overall, Millie felt this was money well spent.
- The logo painting in the foyer was investigated further and due to safety reasons, was given a hard no in terms of bringing in staging for Kathy to work on. Instead of painting the mural directly onto the wall, it was suggested that Kathy paint the

logo on a large sheet of plywood and operations will come in and install once the project is complete. This has been approved by operations already.

- Moira motioned for cost approval of up to 2 sheets of plywood and 3 gallons of paint for this project. All were in favor and motion was approved
- Trent Bates was contacted about the cleaning of the front entry (at the exterior) and because it will need pressure washing, the project will hopefully be addressed in the Spring when the temperatures warm up.
- Millie ordered a load of class A gravel for the walking trail through the schools ‘Healthy Promoting Schools’ grant. This gravel will give a much-needed facelift to Shady Lane which hasn’t seen much love since it was put in.
- November 9th Nicky and Millie travelled to Truro for SAC Day. The session was focused around wellness and what it is.
 - Wellness was broken down into different facets and the importance of each was discussed. One of the main points from SAC Day was that in order for academics to come, wellness must be in place first.
 - Treating people equally doesn’t mean you treat them all the same. Equality vs. Equity. (Fair = not always equal)
 - Quite a few schools were present

Principals Report:

- Sara Thomson visited - modelled the use of number lines in each classroom
- Visited Noel Fire Hall on Nov. 6th for Fire Prevention presentation.
- Remembrance Day service was held Nov. 9th - thank you to Joanie MacDonald for coming on behalf of the Noel legion.
- Attended the regional SAC meeting at Truro Middle School on Nov. 9th with Nicky Smith (SAC Chair)
- Mme Holland (French Teacher) - is out on medical leave. Brittani Hamilton is currently substituting in the position, although HR has actively been looking for a substitute with qualified French
- Sammy’s Pizza was provided to the school on Nov. 17th
- Report cards were distributed Nov. 21st and parent-teacher conferences were held
- Craft Club was a great success. Crafts included clothespin snowflakes, puzzle piece wreaths, and popsicle snowmen
- Attended a PD session on Knowledgehook (math program) on Nov. 23.
- Nov. 24th Teacher PD session with Rawdon and Noel
 - Session 1: Focused on the 6 pillars of literacy and how it transfers to writing.
 - Session 2: Mathematics- Visualization models
- The Christmas Concert was held Dec. 7th

- Monthly assemblies were held Nov. 30th and Dec. 20th
- Special thanks to our SAC/Home & School committee for the delicious turkey dinner that was served Dec. 13th. Cody Coyote also visited
- Millie attended Three Braids PD on Dec. 14th.
- CDS Bowling Trip to Bible Hill Bowlacade was Dec. 15th
- Festive Theme Days in December were lots of fun
- The annual “Give & Get” was a success. Students that were absent on Dec. 19th were able to shop on Dec. 20th
- The schoolwide wooden triangle gnome was a great success and enjoyed by the students
- Hot Lunch continues to be well received by students and will continue to be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Sunny Point Farm is donating milk to the school for January.

SSP:

- *Wellbeing:* Inside Outside Circle identified relationships within the school community and classrooms. This activity showed which students feel they have a relationship with staff members and each other. It also allows the staff to focus on some of those students who feel as though they are more alone.
- On December 8th grades 3-6 completed a school goal form. Questions like “do you feel connected to an adult at your school?” and “is there an adult who knows my interests outside of school?” were asked on the form. The results were that 4 students didn’t feel connected. Those students will be given the opportunity to share through circle conversations. Staff were made aware of those who are not feeling connected.
- *Literacy:* UFLI & Phonics are being used within the school. Tools such as sound walls, magnetic letters and decodable texts are being implemented.
- Grade 6 assessments came back and 11 of our Grade 6 students wrote. The results showed that most students are where they need to be for reading, writing. There are some students who need some improvement, and, in a few cases, some were well below the provincial standard.
- *Math:* still using 15 minutes of visualization technique prior to each math class.
- 11 students participated in the Grade 6 assessment for math. 7 of those 11 students were meeting expectations, 1 needed some improvement and 3 were well below standard.
- Sara Thompson will be coming in to work with teachers to support the visualization technique.

New Business

- Provincial Announcement
 - This was about the funds and how the SAC should be involved in the spending process and where the money is allocated. The announcement was focused on the fact that they want the SAC members to have a voice.
- SAC Survey was completed by the SAC committee at the meeting
- Whiteboard Tables:
 - Millie is looking to purchase 2 at a price of \$364.95 each. However, Denise is concerned that the quality of the last whiteboard tables we purchased wasn't great. Can we purchase better quality tables?
 - Millie will shop around for a better-quality table.
 - Millie motioned for approval of up to 3 new whiteboard tables at an unknown cost. Motion was approved.
- The SAC bank account is currently sitting at \$5174.87, however the cost of the authors has not come out yet.

Public Input:

- Moira asks about school gardens as it had been discussed last year at a previous meeting. At this time, Millie is not able to arrange this with her busy schedule, but the suggestion that a lunchtime garden club may be a good route to take for this project.
- Sheila and Kanchana will be providing a Thai meal for the school during Winter Carnival week. Grant money will be used to pay for this.
- Shelly is starting a volleyball club up for lunchtime activities
- We lost Keira Dacey (50%) our Child Youth Care Practitioner through Schools Plus. She accepted a job posting closer to home and she will be greatly missed.
- There is a Metal Health Clinician, Annaliese MacPherson. Parents will need to contact the school for this service.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, February 22nd @ 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Kristyn adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.