

SAC Meeting Minutes

Principal Report:

Sarah says that although there are still masks being worn, kids are back together on the playground and spirits are high. Sense of 'normalcy'.

Regional Education Director (RED) Literacy Mandate

- all children by end of grade two to be at reading level.
- all efforts to get all kids to level, so much interruption to school year
- teachers have reading record assessments varying to grade level ie/use of books, asking questions to obtain levels/school scores
- every six weeks RED wants to see data
- literacy and math coaches have been in three classrooms, helping and also with practices to support teachers
- flexibility for different grade levels, different outcomes

School trips being planned

- very happy to plan trips
- students have been and will be able to go to Pottery Lab, which is located in St. Catherine's Elementary
- conscientious that students remain separate from their student body, staying in the lab only etc

School Art & Learning

- Fine Arts specialist, Ardelle Giza, working on beautifying the school
- being more culturally aware, value and hold interest in other cultures
- Seven Sacred Teachings are back this year, with emphasis on not just celebrating for one month, making it a priority everyday. In morning announcements basic Mi'kmaw words and phrases are taught

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- potential to bring in Elder to preform drumming/smudging ceremony
- Laila may have a connection to someone, also mentioned is the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre
- learning more about African Nova Scotians
- Learning Centre is in place, welcoming Jenny Mathers
- Guidance Counsellor Sarah Roberts in on Wednesdays
- Laila is wondering if classrooms are painted, three are. Awning is next on the list. Only two painters in all of HRCE
- mural of school logo is in it's first draft on wall inside school, grade six students will draw a representation of themselves to add to mural to leave their legacy

New Business

- Sarah Wile, after much research, will be purchasing t-shirts from Michael's in colours of the school logo, Ardelle Giza is drawing stencils, purchasing special paint, and recruited high school students from Bayview to screen print
- Laila is wondering if there will be a school photo with every student wearing their shirt. She is happy to take the photo. She has the equipment to do so. Sarah agrees, is hoping to have students organized in the shape of the logo, in the field, taken with a drone.
- Proposal to change time of SAC meeting, unanimous vote to change time to 3pm.
- SAC expecting \$5000 this school year, motion to buy math exercise books for teachers, recommended by math coaches. Unanimous vote to purchase first four books, roughly \$500 +/-
- Virtual book fair to support library, link will be sent just to parents and they can choose to participate online or not. Every purchase gives an amount towards the library to obtain new books.
- vegetable soup and bumbleberry crisp is being made for students tomorrow, special thanks to Ms. Margo. To celebrate the garden the students planted in the spring/ Fall Harvest

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-Remembrance Day ceremony will happen, not open to parents, thought is to have classes present to one another via Zoom for example

-Parent/Teacher will be virtual.

-Holiday Celebration

Meeting adjourned.

Next SAC meeting will be held November 29th at 3pm.