

## **Springvale Elementary School Minutes February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Attendance:** Stratos Lazaros (chair), Jill Zhang (teacher), Tracy McFeters (teacher), Kassandra Knight (PTA VP), Michelle Lamont (Principal), Laurie Slaunwhite (Vice Principal), Heather Dodge (Co Vice-Chair).

**Regrets:** Barbara Wheeler (Co Vice-Chair), Tasia Lazaros (Community Member), Sheila Doucet (Community Member), Mona Akins (School Staff).

- **Call to order:** 6:08pm
- **Approval of Minutes** for January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. No corrections, minutes approved.

### **PRINCIPALS REPORT:**

- Not a ton to report on since January.
- A January assembly on respect to place and was supposed by Mi'kmaq Friendship Center. The February assembly is next week and is on love.
- 11 new students registered for school since December break, 7 of those students are international students who are new to the province.
- February 21<sup>st</sup> is Home Language Day. There are 82 students at Springvale Elementary School where their home language is not English.
- February is Black History Month and teachers are doing their own events to celebrate and honor black heritage.
- Lunar New Year just happened and there were presentations in the classes to help educate the students on what Lunar New Year is and how it is celebrated.
- 20 new sleds were bought for the school using the healthy schools grant money. This made the sledding activities more inclusive. The children were taught safe sledding habits. Some feedback for next year is to purchase some additional helmets for students who do not have access to one.
- Field trip update: 2 classes are visiting the oval for skating, classes 4-6 are doing the swim trip in March, some classes are also visiting the Glass Lab at Rocky Lake.
- The learning center at Springvale has moved to ensure better accessibility. We are currently looking into building an accessible bathroom for the learning center. A member asked that an adult size change table be considered for the space.
- SAP data shows that a focus for Springvale needs to be EAL students and newcomer families. Oral language and development needs to be a area of focus. Schools Plus is developing a lunch program where any student can come in over their lunch break and play board games. The hope is that students who need more practice with English will get this practice through playing with their peers.

### **SAC FINANCES**

- Account total: \$11,867.37
- SAC funds purchased two new books for the 3-5 classroom (approximately \$90).
- 10 ipads and 10 tablets were purchased. It was agreed in this meeting that SAC money could fund this expense for a total of \$8132.48.

- Projector quote came back: \$11,865.70 (not including the cage but including taxes). Quote is with Ivan's Audio Visual. It was agreed that this expense would be brought to the PTA for review.
- Account total at end of meeting: \$3734.89

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- We need to look at membership as we need a new Chair to replace Stratos and a new community member to replace Tasia. It was agreed that the vote would take place at the next meeting.
- Innovation grant ideas (deadline is April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024)
- Projector update

**Adjournment:** 6:54pm      **Next meeting date:** March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024