

## **Springvale Elementary School Minutes January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Attendance:** Stratos Lazaros (chair), Jill Zhang (teacher), Tracy McFeters (teacher), Mona Atkins (School support), Kassandra Knight (PTA VP), Michelle Lamont (Principal), Laurie Slaunwhite (Vice Principal).

**Regrets:** Heather Dodge (Co Vice-Chair), Barbara Wheeler (Co Vice-Chair), Tasia Lazaros (Community Member), Sheila Doucet (Community Member).

- **Call to order:** 6:07pm
- **Approval of Minutes** for November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. No corrections, minutes approved.

### **PRINCIPALS REPORT:**

- Michelle and Stratos attended a Regional SAC meeting at J.L. Isley School at the end of 2023. They participated in deep dive conversations about the inclusive education policy. It was announced that there are grants that SAC's can apply for, for special projects or initiatives. Michelle agreed to get further information on these grants for next meeting so that we could discuss if that is something this SAC wants to explore.
- The importance of diversity at the SAC was discussed.
- Dec 13 Holiday concert went well, with a lot of positive comments from parents and extended family members.
- Stuff-A-Bus for Feed Nova Scotia also went well, we collected 501 boxes of cereal to achieve our school goal.
- Jingle Bell Run was also successful. PTA provided the snacks for afterwards (hot chocolate and granola bars) and this was a big hit for the kiddos.
- The ipads and tablets purchased in 2023 came out of the instructional account. We are currently exploring if more ipads and tablets can be purchased for the school using SAC funds. The instructional account also purchased decodable books for literacy supports as well as small white boards for math classes. SAC money has not been used.
- Current focuses of the school: continuing to track Grade 2 literacy and Math Fact fluency.
- There are now monthly assembly's which are focused on the Seven Sacred Teachings.
- Grade 6 assessment results are in and reviewed in this meeting. A hand out was provided outlining the scores and areas of focus/trends for Springvale, which include measurement and geometry for Math and poetry, literal comprehension and writing conventions for literacy.

### **SCHOOL SUCCESS PLAN**

- Cycle 2 of the success plan was completed today in the on site staff meeting. This was supposed to be completed on the December PD day but was cancelled due to school being

cancelled because of weather. Michelle is putting this together now and will develop a tool to use for planning purposes on how to move forward.

### **SAC FINANCES**

- Account total: \$11,867.37
- SAC funds purchased two new books for the 3-5 classroom (approximately \$90).
- Teachers have identified that, in total, 10 more ipads and 10 more tablets are needed for classrooms
- Teachers have identified that a new projector for the gym is also needed for all students. It was discussed that the SAC could potentially cost share with PTA. Michelle committed to looking into prices and bringing to next meeting for further discussion.

### **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.

**Adjournment:** 6:44pm.

**Next meeting date:** Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:00pm.