

Springvale Elementary School Minutes November 21, 2023

Attendance: Stratos Lazaros (chair), Jill Zhang (teacher), Tracy McFeters (teacher), Mona Atkins (School support), Kassandra Knight (PTA VP), Barbara Wheeler (Co Vice-Chair), Tasia Lazaros (Community Member)

Regrets: Heather Dodge (Co Vice-Chair)

- **Call to order:** 6:05pm - **New Agenda Items:**

- **Approval of Minutes** for Oct 17, 2023. Correction: Spelling of Kassandra's name

- **Principal's Report**

- current focus is on report cards. Ideally to have these out before Parent/Teacher interviews on

Thursday Nov 23rd.

- Professional learning on Thursday Nov 23 - Growth planning, plans for improvement, large influx of EAL students. Professional coming in to speak with teachers about how to better support these students.

- New booking system launched for P/T interviews

- Gr 3 assessment results came in: Celebrate: Reading results: Level 3 and above . Was 89.5%. 72.4% regional average. Level 4 exceeding 26.3%. Regionally 18.6%. Writing results - 71.1% Level 3 and above. Regional average 43.7%. Much better than regional and provincial averages. Biggest success story: Math. 100% of students met Level 3 and above. Regional 76.1%. Level 4 (exceeding) - 73.7%. Regionally 26.1%. A testament to students' attitude to assessment is very good and good foundation leading up to Grade 3.

- School planning goals - short-cycle planning - P-2 - Literacy is the focus. Students are being tracked individually and interventions put in place right away so kids can catch up. Writing focus will be introduced in the short-cycle planning. Math - fact fluency - Gr 3 and up.

- Introduce mini surveys - about student well-being for grades 4-6 so they understand questions a bit better and any concerns can be addressed earlier. *Concerns were raised about age appropriate questions and concepts for a survey of younger students.*

- Dec 13 Holiday concert - likely booking seats in advance with same system that was used as last year. Afternoon and evening times this year.

- Stuff-A-Bus - Feed Nova Scotia - Gr 6 have taken leadership on this.

- Jingle Bell Run - last week of holidays. Maybe ask PTA for help with this.

- **SAC funding grant:** New funding \$5000 plus \$1 per student in instructional account should be spent first.

Deadline: June 25, 2024

Principal's question: Is it okay to spend SAC money on Literacy/Math/Well-being /Learning Resource - without coming to the SAC for approval first? *Agreement that this is fine. Wait for bigger items like technology*

Adjournment: 6:38pm.

Next meeting date: Tuesday January 16, 2024, 6:00pm.