

Springvale SAC Meeting Minutes - Oct 15, 2024

In Attendance: Michelle Lamont (Principal), Heather Dodge (Community Member), Jean Robertson (Teacher), Tracy McFeters (Teacher), Jill Zhang (Teacher), Sheila Doucet (Community Member), Ariane Savi (Parent), Katie Kirkpatrick (Parent), Barbara Wheeler (Parent/Vice-Chair), Kassandra Knight (Parent/Chair)

Regrets: Laurie Slaunwhite (Vice-Principal), Mona Atkins (Support Staff), Pam Boyd (Community Member)

1. **Call To Order:** 6:04pm

Heather and Jean - approved minutes.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

3. **Principal's Report**

A) 9 new student enrolments - 1 from pre-primary. 8 - P to 6. All new to Canada.
Ms McFeters Gr 5 class- is at 28 students now.

B) New lunch program - emails from the province or HRCE will come directly to parents to begin ordering meals. First delivery in Oct 28. Flenjor company is making the lunches. Prep in Fairview. Are not able to accommodate allergies or gluten free yet. Vegan and Meat options available. Covering 13-17 schools.

C) Student Success Planning (SSP)

- i) Literacy tracking P-3: Tracking literacy continuously at P-3. Looking at how EAL students are doing, African-Nova Scotian students are doing. Through tracking, teachers are able to provide more resource support and small group support.
- ii) Writing - conventions - Staff agreed that implementing a writing goal as a first goal would be good. Providing pre and post writing prompt to prep students.
- iii) Math fact fluency - focused on for all grades. Ensuring regular assessments to inform instructions.

D) Gr 6 Assessment - last day is Thursday Oct 17. Friday can be a make-up day.

E) Gr. 3 Assessment results out now. Students who are currently in Gr. 4. Michelle sent results out to parents today. Springvale did very well. Scored above the average in reading (84% meeting expectation), writing (73% meeting expectation (level 3 or 4), and math (92% meeting expectation - level 3 or 4).

Level 1 - below expectations

Level 2 - approaching expectations

Level 3 - meeting expectations

Level 4 - above expectations

There is a spectrum in the scoring to show how close a student is to achieving the next level.

4. SAC Conference - Friday Sept 27 - Michelle and Kass attended. Dr. Sam Hickox was the keynote speaker. He is a Physician Consultant, Office of Addictions and Mental Health, NS Dept of Health and Wellness

Literacy intervention framework. Gr 6 Writing pilot.

Math - key actions in each strategy - explained a timeline of implementing strategies.

- how to do student success planning better - principals attended
- Kass attended a 3 braids meeting in the morning - 3 pillars - indigenous lens, Afro-centric lens, Critical thinking lens. Anti-discrimination and anti-racism training. Mandatory training for Principals.
- Dr. Strang attended at the end as a 'fireside chat'-style meeting.

5. Financial Information - There is a balance of \$2,234.69 less \$698.62 = \$1536.07
\$700 spent this past month on early chapter books for the new Grade 2 classroom. Did not have any chapter books. STEM items (about \$256) to support our new Relief teacher.

6. Michelle will send by-laws and membership document to Ariane to convert it to a word document so it can be updated.

7. Looking at structure of SAC. We need a 1/3, 1/3 and 1/3. Staff, Parents, Community Members.

8. Chair - Kassandra is willing to do this. Consensus that Kass is now Chair.

9. Michelle secured a local author (Heather Fegan) to do 45 minute writing workshops in all 13 classrooms this year, to support student writing. Secured a 'Writers in Schools' Grant.

9. Any other business or questions - \$5300 SAC Grant money will be available in November.

10. Michelle received an invitation for Grs 4-6 Jazzy Murder Mystery Interactive Play/Dance at Halifax West School - Grs. 4-6 students to attend. Michelle said yes. Waiting to confirm. Permission forms, buses, and chaperones to be arranged. Nov 6.

7. Adjournment - 6:35pm.

Next meeting: Tues Nov 19, 2024 at 6pm. Springvale School Library.