

SAC Meeting - Springvale Elementary School, Jan 21, 2025, Library.

In Attendance:

Mona Aitkens (Support Staff) , Jill Zhang (Teacher), Tracy McFeters (Teacher), Ariane Savi (Parent), Katie Kirkpatrick (Parent), Cassandra Hawker (Parent/Chair), Heather Dodge (Community Member), Jean Robertson (Teacher), Michelle Lamont (Principal), Barbara Wheeler (Parent/Vice Chair)

Regrets: Pam Boyd (Community Member), Sheila Doucet (Community Member), Laurie Slaunwhite (Vice Principal)

1. Call to Order: 6: 04pm
2. Minutes from Nov 19, 2024 approved by Ariane. Seconded by Katie.
3. Principal's Report
 - a) Staffing : Just hired 80% EPA - Shannon Belding
 - b) Student Success Plan update: Cycle 2 - now beginning
 - Literacy - focusing on oral language. Explicit vocabulary instruction. EAL students often left behind, so this will help all students. Students can work together to support vocabulary as well as improve interpersonal relationships with newcomer families.
 - Math - keeping it simple - focused on fluency and how we track this. Flexible thinking and math strategies - all grades.
 - Well-being: creating opportunities for EAL and new-comer families to find connection and empathy - some interpersonal problems have arisen due to communication difficulty.
 - Staff are developing a lunch program for students to play board games etc. to improve their language and improve and develop further connections.
 - c) Upcoming Dates:
 - Wanderers soccer workshop for students next Monday and Tuesday
 - Maritime Centre for African Dance (Feb 21) - one hour long workshops for all grades
 - Feb 13 - PTA organized Valentine Dance - TBC

D) Financial Information

- i. \$4229.85 left in SAC account. Have spent about \$3000 - STEM activities (lower elementary grades - supported by 50% relief teacher). Books for classrooms, writing resources, secret stories phonics program for all lower grades.
- ii. Mural is being planned for the side of the school. The content (related to harbour, intergenerational history etc.) and timeline is to be determined.

Next Meeting: Feb 18th, 2025, 6pm. Springvale School Library.

Adjourned: 6:31pm