

Springvale SAC Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, May 20th , 2025, Springvale Library

In Attendance:

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

Regrets:

Pam Boyd (Community Member), Jean Robertson (Teacher), Laurie Slaunwhite (VP), Mona Atkins (Support Staff)

1. Call to order: 6:05pm

2. Review of Meeting Minutes from April 15th, 2025 - approved by Kass. Seconded by Heather

3. Principal's Report

a. **New class allocation** - 14 classrooms. Pre-primary, Primary, P/1, 1, Two 2s, Two 3s, 3/4, 4, 4/5, 5, Two 6s. 319 students in total.

b. **Staffing for next year** – Rebecca McCauley (Music); Jennifer Baxter (LC + Marking & Prep), French circuit advertised tomorrow, P/1 will be advertised tmw (Ms Lynch is retiring), 3/4 will be advertised tmw (100% term job).

Music position is permanent so current term teacher wasn't able to apply for it. Rebecca was here a couple of years ago filling in for Ms. Bourke. Jenn Baxter has been here in the past. 10% Band job - shared with two other schools. Michelle - our Principal - is now permanent. :)

c. New code of conduct & Matrix

April 30 PD Day- complete staff (caretakers, EPAs, ECEs, Maggie etc.) was present and reviewed the new code of conduct and created a matrix of behaviours that were expected with the view to being ready for September. For example - lunch monitors may be paid to come in earlier to ease transition into lunch and help support lunch monitors' authority and relationship with students; using pictures of students demonstrating the expected behaviour to help EAL students; placing pictures in the location of the expected behaviour. Site and need specific.

-Discussion around parking and car safety with drop off and pick up. Michelle has emailed the community a number of times with little change in parent behaviour. Michelle may send out a communication at the start of the year about the law around stopping when the bus light is flashing red.

d. SSP (Student Success Plan) update – Cycle 3

i. Literacy - We will continue to focus on vocabulary development for all students with a focus on the reciprocity between reading and writing. EAL students benefitted from new strategies.

ii. Math - Teachers will use the new success criteria document to track which students are meeting/not meeting for term 3 (computational fluency) and then will analyze data to determine plans to move forward with systems of support for next year, for example putting certain children in small groups.

iii. Well-being – We will co-construct a behavioural expectations matrix for different locations at school and gather student input.

e. Upcoming dates/events:

- HRM Library coming in.
- Gr 6 going to St Agnes
- Field Trips: Gr 4 class going to Discovery Centre, Gr 2 going to Uniacke Farm, Gr 3 going to Cole Harbour Farm, Gr 4, 5, 6 all going on field trips.

****City Hall was suggested as a possible future field trip****

- Track & Field June 2 (Grade 6) and June 3 (Grs 4 and 5)
- Grade 3 provincial assessments (half-way complete. Math days tomorrow and Thursday)
- Grade 6 Closing – June 26 1:30pm.

f. Financial Information

- i. **\$1904.92** (SAC) - remaining. Could go towards Chrome Book cart. Increases equity and makes it possible to operate 30 chrome books for a class.

**** Unanimous consent that remaining funds should go towards the cost of the Chrome Book cart****

- ii. **Mural** – update - great feedback from students - themes sent off to Emmett - mock-ups to be made available soon. Emmett has worked with Mike Burt closely, artist of the Duc d’Anville School mural.

- g. **SAC Annual Report** - Michelle completed and shared this and welcomes any additions from members. **** Unanimous consent that earmarked operational expenses (approx. \$400) should go towards the cost of the Chrome Book cart****

4. Any other business - None.

5. Adjournment - 7pm.

Final meeting will take place at the Armview Restaurant Tuesday June 17, 6pm.