

Springvale Elementary School Advisory Council
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6:00PM
Springvale Elementary School Library

Attendance: Stratos Lazaros (Chair/Parent), Suzanne Wehbe (Principal), Jill Zhang (Teacher), Dawn Cullen (Community), Tracy McFeters (Teacher), Mona Atkins (Community), Alison Ferguson (PTA Vice President), Tasia Lazaros (Community Member) Heather Dodge (Parent) Reihane Sobae (Parent)
Regrets: Laurie Slaunwhite (Vice Principal)

- 1.) Call to order = 6:04pm
- 2.) Review and Approval of meeting minutes of last meeting
 - i) Typos identified in September minutes; Suzanne to fix on website
 - ii) Minutes approved (Stratos motioned, Tasia seconded)

Prior to the next Agneda item, introductions were made for new members and discussion of the Vice Chair role and structure of the SAC. The Vice chair must be a parent. If multiple parents are interested there will be a vote. Further discussion and determination if election required at next meeting.

- 3.) Standing Agenda Items:
 - i) Principal's Report
 - a. Enrollment still at 349
 - b. Grade 5/6 Stars:
 - (a) 2 speakers at the First high 5 assembly
 - (b) 2 stars working in the office over lunch hour while Maggie takes her lunch
 - c. Breakfast club to start soon: Waiting on budget
 - d. Curriculum night/open house was a huge success. Great feedback received from many
 - e. New librarian to start next week
 - f. Friday will be the Terry Fox Run. Mr. MacNeil will return to the school for his "free" haircut to celebrate the success of the fundraising campaign.
 - g. Intramurals have started for Grade 3-6s
 - h. Mad science mini assembly for Grade P-2s
 - (a) Mad science will be offering a 6 week lunch time program
 - i. Cross Country Meet: Great turnout & results. Mr. McGowan organizes for all city schools; cost \$40 per school
 - j. Halloween: Classroom Activities and decorate a bag for treats from home
 - k. Remembrance Day activities to be discussed at next staff meeting
- 4.) New Business
 - a) Review of Sac Agreement

- i) Each member received a copy of the Nova Scotia School Advisory Council Handbook. Each member was asked to read prior to our next meeting and it will be reviewed and discussed.
- b) Review of Grade 3 Reading Writing Mathematics results for 2021-22
 - i) 4 day test written by current grade 4s in May of last year
 - ii) 2 days of literacy and 2 days of math
 - iii) Suzanne provided handouts with the literacy and math results and walked through and explained each section:
 - a. Springvale is performing above HRCE metrics
 - b. Majority of students included in level 3 and above; all students who scored Level 1 & 2 are already achieving additional support
 - c. Questions: Who marks the tests?
 - (a) Staff across the province sign up and are trained and all tests are marked during the summer
 - (b) Are the tests marked against a set standard or bell curve?
 - (i) Set standard
 - (c) Can we see other schools' results (geographically close)
 - (i) No – we do not have access
 - iv) Grade 6 Assessments currently on going – 3 days down; hopefully we will have results by the end of the year

5.) Adjournment 6:52pm

Stay safe and Be well.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 15, 2022 at 6pm Springvale Library