

# 2021-10-27 SAC Meeting

Summary Notes, 27 October 2021:

## 1. Call to order: Attendance :

- Reielle Bugbee (Parent, **Chair**),
- Kara Hobbs (Parent, **Vice-Chair**),
- Carolyn Thompson (Staff, Principal),
- Katrina Longard (Staff, Vice Principal),
- Jenn Robar (Staff),
- Stephanie Bellefontaine (Staff),
- Robert O'Connor (Staff)
- Thomas Hill (Parent, **Secretary**)
  
- Regrets: Deanna Lowe (Community Member)

## 2. Approval of Agenda

- The Agenda was accepted by consensus.
- The notes from the 2021-09-29 meeting were accepted by consensus.

## 3. Student Success Planning Update

- **Literacy** - P to 2, every student will be reading at their expected level by grade 2. Smokey Drive looking to formally and informally collect evidence monthly. The more important aspect are the discussions happening between teachers, school psychologists, support staff, about what we have tried and what we can try differently.
- The group spoke about a Facebook group (Science of Reading Nova Scotia) advocating for evidence-based supports for children with dyslexia.
- **Coaching** - Janice Keats is a literacy coach currently at Smokey Drive (for 5 or 6 weeks).
- **Wellbeing** - focusing on classroom circle.

## 4. Principal's Report

- Hold and secure drill has been done. 2 of 6 fire drills, a lock down drill and a bus evacuation drill. Another Lock Down drill will be scheduled for February

- Running club has been established.
- Terry Fox Run/Walk raised \$1200.
- Author Dav Pilkey bought 90 copies of his book Cat Kid from Tattletales in Dartmouth and donated them to kids at Smoke Drive.
- New Staff in the School (2 new EPAs), also recently got a full time, full year child and youth practitioner (to support kids in and outside of classes)
- [Virtual] Parent teacher on November 25th
- Report Cards at the end of November
- Any major events (e.g., Remembrance Day, holiday celebration) mandated to be virtual for the time being.

## 5. Continued Business

- Outdoor learning space update - not finished yet. Put out for tender in September and expecting to hear about it soon. The school was also offered and accepted 3 shade trees for these spaces.
- SAC Grant—teacher proposals (**\$3470.00**)-
  - ◆ Subscriptions for Grade 1 students for the PME Collection, an electronic levelled library resource. This costs \$10.00 per student per year, with a **total expense of \$700.00** for this school year.
    - ◆ The group unanimously voted in favour of the expense.
  - ◆ The Grade Primary teachers are requesting \$150 each to build story workshop literacy resources **Totalling \$300.**
    - ◆ The group unanimously voted in favour of the expense
  - ◆ The Grade 5 students are requesting a hand-held camera for the video club to create videos for assemblies, announcements, etc.

**Cost \$119.00 + tax**

  - ◆ The group unanimously voted in favour of the expense

## 6. New Business

- The group spoke about dangers of bringing kids together in the gym for assemblies.
- Newsletter communications around covid close-contact procedures.

## 8. Adjournment

- Reielle thanked the group for their attendance and closed the meeting.