**Sambro Elementary School**

**SAC Meeting Minutes**

**November 4, 2024**

**Attendance:** Colette Strome, Angela Hauser, Courtney McKay, Christina Neary, Meghan Thorne, Angela Laurin

**Regrets:** Pete Rose, Kayle Scoville, Tracy MacDonald, Darlene Blanchard

**Approval of Agenda:** Angela Laurin approved; Christina Neary seconded

**Approval of October Meeting Minutes:** Meghan Thorne approved; Courtney McKay seconded

**Principal’s Report:**

* **SSP Goals** - the school has 3 goals.
  + - * + **Literacy** - staff will intentionally incorporate reader’s workshop lessons into their daily practice within a balanced literacy approach. (Colette described what the workshop approach looks like in a classroom. The teachers are receiving coaching from staff member who has literacy coaching background.)
        + **Math** - Implementation of a 30 minute block of learning focused on developing computational fluency. (Primaries are working on number sense, as they don’t yet explore computation.)
        + **Well-being** - There are many students who need social-emotional learning, especially being able to identify and express emotions. The school is looking at best ways to incorporate Tier 1 learning in this area. Angela recommended exploring interoception, I Choose books, and Kimochis as some tools to help.
* **Hot lunch** - The lunch program is going well, with ongoing feedback being provided to the province. Due to the lunches being prepared on-site, minor alterations can be made for some students. The school can continue to have special event lunches.
* **Pilot Project** - As part of the auditor general’s report on school violence, Sambro is part of a pilot project that provides a new teacher mentor to support teachers. Jeanne will be the new teacher mentor and will be starting next week.
* School activities
  + - * Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday
      * Breaking Circus - an Afrocentric circus company was in on November 1st.
      * Colette is trying to book the Oval skating trip for earlier in the winter this year to avoid weather cancellation
      * School clothing order going out this week and will be due on November 15th, so they are back in time for the Christmas holiday.
* Holiday concert - some parents have connected with the volunteers who put on the Down Home Christmas musical event at the church. They have welcomed parents to organize children who want to participate into groups by class. It is not a school-sanctioned event. The music teacher will practice a song with each class, so they can sing that if they happen to participate in the Down Home Christmas event.

**Review of Financial Information:**

* Financial Statement -
* Request for Funds
  + - Grade ¾ wants to purchase some secondary lighting for the classroom, as the fluorescent lights are harsh - $54 - approved
    - Explode the Code for grade ⅘ $50.75 - approved
    - Magnetic base-10 for one class - $41 - approved
    - Secret Stories phonemic awareness $421 - approved
    - Kinetic sand, Lego, tactile items for Learning Centre and classrooms - $90 - approved

**Other business:** Colette shared about Cheer Bags - through Santas for Seniors the bags are provided to seniors who may not have family around or who may not receive gifts from anyone. A letter was sent to families to invite them to contribute.

**Next Meeting: January 13**