**Sambro Elementary School - SAC Meeting Minutes**

**October 16, 2023**

**Attendance:** Colette Strome, Brooke Coll, Pete Rose, Darlene Blanchard Meghan Thorne, Anna Cranston, Angela Hauser, Tracy MacDonald

**Regrets:** n/a

**Approval of Agenda:**  Approved by Brooke Coll and seconded by Angela Hauser

**Approval of September Meeting Minutes:** Prior to approvals, Colette Strome made a change from “African American” to “African Descent” when referencing emphasis on Well Being goals in addition to Indigenous.

The minutes were approved by Anna Cranston and seconded by Meghan Thorne.

**Principal’s Report:**

**SSP-** Colette reported students had been working on what makes them feel well at school; teachers doing student talk circles**;**

Math Goal: there are 30 minute fluency blocks daily.

Literacy goal: primary students reading bench marks, some students receiving support ; Reading/writing ongoing together. Phonemic awareness for reading/writing connection (reciprocal relationship between reading/writing) Creating time and space for phonemic awareness.

**P-2 Literacy**

Spoke about supports for those students not meeting goals.

All Primary meeting expectations

Grade 1; those who are not meeting are receiving SLP, RR, Resource support

Grade 2; those who are not meeting, supported by LS Teacher.

**Math Coaching-**starts next week with Cassandra Brown. She has been here before; working with grade 1 due to new teacher; 3-5 need math focus—works with her daily for 5-6 weeks.

All teachers have asked for coaching and we are still working on getting a literacy coach.

**Pictures (Harveys) -** Colette tosurvey parents about preference of range of costs. Are parents happy or satisfied with current quality? Are they aware of website options? Are sibling photos possible?

There was some feedback from parents…SAC will consider changing photographer.

**Emergency Management Plan**

Families received from HRCE our EMP; our relocation is the United church. School did a walk to see location.

If a school needs bussing in case of an emergency, that has been decided/planned. Our police Liaison knows about our plan, several people have the plans. Also basic plan is on our school website. Ours is specific to our school.

**Bus Evacuation**

Our school will practise this Wed Oct 18. All students included. Rain date on Thursday.

**Review of Financial Information:**

* Financial Statement

Have not received any money for SAC as yet.

UFLI manuals ($200) and materials($655.88 for white boards/magnetic letters) discussed and put to a vote.

All in favour and approved to spend $855.88

* Request for funds

No new requests for funds

**Other business:**

Therapy Dog, Willa, to begin at school this week.

There will be 4 small groups of 15 mins each time. Relief teacher will cover Ms Crosby’s class.

Willa will be introduced to the whole student body eventually.

Every 2nd Thursday is the plan for visits.

Colette will survey students for breakfast program food; there’s been some changes to food items. Angela suggested we offer a Dairy Free/ Protein option as well.

SAC/PTA minutes on school website.

SAC agreement to be included on website.

SAC briefly discussed the idea of proposing PTA to change its name to Home and School Association to be more inclusive. Colette to discuss with PTA.

**Next Meeting: November 6 or 20, 2023…TBA**