

School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Sackville Heights Elementary School
September 17th, 2024

1. Call to order.

- Time: 5:30
- In attendance: Rachael Webster, Kyla d'Eon, Holly Clarke, Lisa Grey, Rene Parsons, Corey Murphy, Jane Harley, Jennifer Stearns, Sherri MacKenzie, Galina Kheison, Jordanna
- Regrets: Laura Wheeler

2. Principal's report

School Update:

- We are currently down in registration and have a total of 509 students.

What has Happened:

- Lunch changes as we wait to roll out the new lunch program.
- Fire Drill happened last week and went well.
- Lockdown drill also happened last week.
- Newsletter is published on the website which has also been updated.
- Open House was completed and was well received by students and families.
- Pink shirt day.

What's Coming Up

- Hold and Secure
- Orange Shirt Day
- Picture day
- Conference Day
- Remembrance Day
- Terry Fox
- School lunch program

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- P-2 Reading Initiative: UFLI and phonemic awareness: diebels
- P-3 have already started phonemic and letter recognition assessments.
- Math: fact fluency
- Goals in Literacy and Math:
 - Literacy Goal: Students will demonstrate improvement in reading.
 - Math Goal: Students will demonstrate improvement in Mathematics.
 - Wellness Goal: We will improve student well-being at our school.

School Lunch Program

- The provincial school lunch program is being launched in October for us but was launched in September for other regions.
- Over the summer they did many upgrades to our kitchen to accommodate this new program. We received a brand-new stacked oven, industrial fridge, large single freezer, and two large double warmers.
- They are currently in the process of hiring more staff.
- It is a pay what you can program and is anonymous, so staff are not able to see who pays what amount.
- The biggest change for our school will be the menu will be very limited each day in comparison to what we have now. There will only be two meals each day.
- You cannot order the day off, there is a window you must order in, but outside of that the system does not accept orders.
- The school will be allowed to order a bulk amount of extras for each day at no cost to the school.
- The options are different than we are used to and very balanced.

3. New Business

- Membership:
 - We discussed who would be up for renewal
 - We also discussed finding community members to join, we are hopeful for diverse representation.

4. Questions:

- A concern was raised about morning drop off and children not being directed where they need to go, this is especially concerning for the younger children. Rachael assured that staff should be present during this time and she would encourage them to do this. She noted she is also normally there in the morning and there are staff inside the school helping the students get to the right place as well.
- Rachael noted a lot of families are still arriving late and not recognizing the time change for school starting from 8:30 to 8:20. Email reminders have been sent out about this.
- Rachael also stated that there has been a police presence a few mornings to assist with the morning traffic concerns which is helpful.

5. Next meeting

- Next Meeting: October 22nd, 2024

6. Adjournment

- 6:20pm