

School Advisory Council Agenda
Sackville Heights Elementary School
September 19th, 2023

1. Call to order.

- Time: 5:30
- In attendance: Jennifer Stearns, Laura Purdy, Rachael Webster, Kyla d'Eon, Holly Clarke, Dallas McDonald, Laura Wheeler, Lisa Grey, Jamie Croon, Renee Parsons, Cory Murphy
- Regrets: Jane Corkum

2. Approval of Agenda

- Approved by: Kyla d'Eon
- Seconded by: Rachael Webster

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Postponed to next meeting.

4. Principal's report

What has Happened:

- We currently have 516 students. We lost our pre-primary students as they are now at Harry R Hamilton Elementary. We have had multiple registrations since the first day of school.
- We are getting an increase in EPA support. An 80% and a 50%. Some others have been increased in their percentages as well.
- Bussing and drop and go is going ok. However, we have had people going into the bus loop in the mornings, but a memo went out about that today to try and educate parents on expectations. The newest challenge is that the church (where parents can park) is now locked at the gate to the parking lot to prevent issues overnight, therefore we need a consistent person to lock and unlock it each day.
- First fire drill happened which took just over 4 minutes.
- Open house was well attended and received.
- Pink shirt day happened.
- We received a new photocopier.
- Schools Plus hosted Dr. Daniel Chorney at Millwood which our school parents were invited to.

What's Coming Up

- Lock down drill and hold and secure drill.
- Orange shirt day for truth and reconciliation day.
- Picture day
- A conference day at the end of October
- Terry fox walk/run/ride.
- Remembrance Day.
- New maker space.

Working Towards

- Primary to grade two reading initiative is working through the UFLI program and phonemic awareness. The current goal for literacy is “students will demonstrate improvement in reading”.
- Math is working on fact fluency. The current goal for math is “students will demonstrate improvement in mathematics”.
- The Wellness goal is “we will improve students well-being at our school” which includes increasing the connection we have with students.

5. New Business

- School Advisory Annual Report Reviewed. Summary SAC Annual Report 2022-2023

Questions:

- Resource – continued to be an in-class intervention. We have two resource teachers again this year. Focusing on short term, specific goals for this year rather than being on long term support for a generalized focus.
- New Playground – currently we still need a fence across the back of the playground and then it should be opened.
- Pre-Primaries Leaving – gave us the space for more growth and allowed us a real learning centre back. However, we are at hard cap in terms of class size for both grade 1 and grade 5.
- Stencils - We can borrow the stencils (for outside on the pavement) and we have a grant to cover the paint.

6. Next meeting

- October 19th, 2024, at 5:30pm

7. Adjournment

- 6:20pm