

School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Sackville Heights Elementary School
November 21, 2023

1. Call to order

- Time: 5:30pm
- In attendance: Cory Murphy, Jennifer Stearns, Laura Wheeler, Holly Clarke, Dallas McDonald, Jane Harley, Rachael Webster
- Regrets: Lisa Gray, Laura Purdy, Kyla d'Eon

2. Approval of agenda

- Approved by: Corey Murphy
- Seconded by: Dallas McDonald

3. Approval of previous minutes

- Approved by: Dallas McDonald
- Seconded by: Corey Murphy

4. Principal's Report
School Update

- 519 students with another two new students starting next week
- New custodial staff

What's Happened

- Mouse issue: we have long avoided this in our school but there have been some sightings as well as a few caught. Most sightings have happened in the cafeteria, music room and French room
- Provincial Conference Day
- Flu shot clinic: very successful, many families came out this year as well.
- Bingo: successful event despite issue with tables
- Remembrance Day Service: school kept the service to staff and students only to be more responsive to the students in the building and their experiences.
- Music trip to Symphony NS: two classes were involved and took metro transit in but school bus home. It was a good introduction to classical music.
- Discovery Center for grade 5's
- Threat Assessment training for admin – how to address safety concerns during school events was discussed

- Book fair: overall huge success, for students that weren't able to purchase, Renee had a list of books to buy for the library – those students will get to sign those books out first
- Makerspace: slow start as all hands on materials and no technology but students are really enjoying using their imagination for creative building.

What's Coming Up

- Report cards: will be sent home Wednesday ahead of parent teacher
- Parent – teacher conversations
- PD for staff: will focus on literacy and mathematics priorities
- 3 braids PD professional development – this is anti-racism and discrimination training for admin
- Drumming presentation for the whole school
- Holiday concerts – 3 dates again this year
- Gift Wrap – we aren't well situated as of yet
- Holiday market – this coming Saturday, had to turn vendors away
- PD on Dec 4th
- Christmas dinners x2

1. SSP

- Grade 3 provincial assessment results: our reading continues to improve but our writing needs more attention, this is being seen province wide

5. New business

Shared Multi media communication board

- Other school in the area either have their own sign on their school property or land has been donated on the main road.
- A joint sharing of signs is not plausible
- We will look to the cost of installing a sign on our school building

Signage, paint, plyons for end of day pick up issues

- End of day pick up is becoming more congested
- Alerts will be sent out
- If things don't improve, parking lot may be closed during dismissal

6. Next meeting

- January 16, 2024

7. Adjournment

- Time: 6:17pm