

Caldwell Road School

SAC Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019

Attendance: Donald Morrison, Jill Warren, Jessica Quillan, Jeff Winship, Tara Rutledge

Regrets: Annette Beaton, Michelle Hanway

Review of minutes from last meeting

Assessment Consultation and SAC Feedback

- Mr. Morrison shared information about the Assessment Consultation that is happening in all SAC's across the province. Members gave their feedback on what should be reflected in a provincial assessment policy. The information was recorded and will be forwarded to EECD through the Google document they have provided.

Principal's Report

Technology Upgrades

- Grades P-3 received a new equipment rollout in November. Staff members have received PD and are beginning to use the items in their classrooms. Dalhousie University SuperNova will be doing coding workshops with lower elementary students on January 22 and 23. The Chromebooks are beginning to be used more in grades 2 and 3 and we expect that there will be a demand soon for more equipment,

PTO Funding Support

- The family skate on January 2 was a great success. The PTO continues to provide great support for classroom resources and extracurricular activities.

SAC Budget

- 70% of funding has been made available (\$3709.00). PTO has already provided funding for iPads for grade P-2 but more are needed. There is also a need to purchase more Chromebooks for the tech cart as it does not have a full class set. The initial funding will be used to enhance technology. When the rest of the funds are made available we will discuss where it should be spent.

Primary Registration

- Primary registration begins on February 1. It is important to spread the word throughout the community because our grade primary numbers help to determine our staffing for September.

Visitors to the School/Student Safety

- Mr. Morrison placed a reminder in the January newsletter that all visitors to the school must report to the main office. An increasing number of parents have been in the hallways and going directly to classroom doors dropping off items etc. and this is not safe practice. A notice regarding our next lockdown drill will be going home soon.

Photo Contract

- The photo contract is up for renewal. Photomaster (John Tenwolde) has been the provider since 2007. Mr. Morrison noted that he has worked with several providers at several schools and although all have strengths and challenges none could meet Mr. Tenwolde's delivery standard. Some of the concerns that were raised by SAC members will be addressed before renewing the contract.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday February 26 @ 6:00pm