

SAC Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 14th, 2022

Present: Jeff Winship (Parent -), Becky Stickings (VP and grade 3 Teacher), Lisa Dickens (grade 2 Teacher), Robin Lawlor (grade 1 and Reading Recovery Teacher), Lisa Sawler-Padfield (lunch staff member), Mamoonna Brace (principal), Christine Fong (Parent)

Regrets: Jessica Quillan (Parent)

Principal' Report:

- November 21st is Assessment and Evaluation Day. The goal is to have our report cards go home on the 29th.
- Parent Teacher is Dec 1st - We will be using an online booking system for scheduling these interviews. It will be on December 1st afternoon and evening. Parents will have the option of having a phone interview or an in-person meeting.
- Stuff-A-Bus - We will be sending a notice to the community to let everyone know that we will be starting to collect food donations next week. They come to collect Nov 30th
- Breakfast Program - We have our program up and running. Students have access to snacks anytime they need them. Each class has a bin with some grab and go items such as granola bars, cereal bars, bagged cereal and crackers. We are very fortunate to have many parent volunteers to help us with the day to day management of the program. As the year progresses, we will expand what items we can offer our students when we have our kitchen facilities upgraded. Items may include refrigerated items such as cheese, yogurt, fruits and vegetables, as well as, some freshly baked/cooked items. We will be going with Kent Building Supplies for the building of the new kitchen space. So far we have received great feedback from our staff, students and parents.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony - All the classes participated in various ways. Six Melvin put together a puppet show using green screen animation. Many of our students were able to highlight the contributions and sacrifices of family members who have served in the military.
- Quincy Mac Presentation - Quincy is a Canadian Indigenous entertainer who has been with the NBA for years. His message about the Residential Schools in Canada was well versed for students in grades primary to six. His message was well balanced with the seriousness and of the topic and was also entertaining students with his amazing basketball tricks.
- Winter Concert December 8th - Every family will receive two tickets per family so that we can adhere to the fire marshal regulations for a maximum occupancy of 567 including students performing and the audience. The afternoon concert will not have tickets as this is not usually as largely attended. The rain/snow date will be December 15th.
- Holiday Shop December 16th - The shop will be set up during the day on December 15th, if we don't need to use that date as a rain date for a concert rain date.
- PTO - We have reached out to some of the previous members. It was agreed that we will have a general meeting later on in the year as we are not currently able to fund raise.

- New School Logo - We contacted the HRCE Mi'kmaq consultant Brittany Pennell for assistance with designing a new logo that has Indigenous elements to honor the fact that Caldwell Road is on Indigenous land and a part of our community. She was able to provide us with 3 different options. We also want to make sure our African Nova Scotian population is reflected. We will have our SAC look at some of the iterations and eventually narrow it down to a couple. It was discussed that the students should have some input in the selection process as well. The school colours have historically been green and yellow, but we will be updating the colours on the new logo.
- SAC Grant - We receive \$5000 plus \$1.00 for every student, which equates to \$5300. We currently have approximately \$1800 in our account leftover from last year. This year's allocation has not been rolled out yet. We are asking the SAC to cover the cost of the decoding books that we recently purchased for \$2000. We will send an email for a vote.

Next meeting will be Jan 23rd, 2023 at 5:30 virtually.