

Caldwell Road Elementary School

SAC Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 23rd

Present: Jessica Quillan (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)

Regrets: Jeff Winship (Parent), Mamoonna Brace (principal), Christine Fong (Parent)

- Welcome / Attendance /Quorum
- Principal's Report
- SSP Update
 - Literacy P-3 –
 - Regularly scheduled TST (Teacher Support Team) meetings – Looking at all available supports and reprioritizing as students are making progress
 - Heggerty Phonological Awareness screener for all grade one and grade two students in term one
 - Term two - Developed folders for each student not yet meeting. This allows any adult to work with individual students on specific criteria. Students will have more frequent, short contacts with an adult to help support their literacy development. More opportunities for students to practice new skills will help with internalizing knowledge and promote faster growth. Students see their growth and development in real time which is very motivating
 - Resource and Learning Support Teacher, as well as, some classroom teachers are using a program call UFLI foundations Resource - an explicit and systematic program that teaches students the foundational skills necessary for proficient reading. It follows a carefully developed scope and sequence designed to ensure that students systematically acquire each skill needed and learn to apply each skill with automaticity and confidence. The program is designed to be used for core instruction in the primary grades or for intervention with struggling students in any grade.
 - Small group targeted instruction with classroom teacher and other teachers who have unassigned teaching time
 - Literacy 4-6 –
 - Words Their Way – Spelling Inventory for all students in grades 3 to 6
 - Word Work imbedded in weekly Literacy Program
 - Decodable texts at students' just-right level according to their stage of development
 - Small group instruction around word patterns and phonemic development
 - Math Coach – Focus on Math Fact Fluency

- o Well-Being Goal – January focus on Growth Mindset
- Grants Updates
 - o Student Support Grant
 - o SAC Grant – Grades 5 and 6 teachers are requesting \$1500 for a field trip to the Discovery Centre to take part in the Planetarium Workshops. (email to follow for vote)
 - o Breakfast Program
 - Parent volunteers and student involvement
 - Construction of our kitchen is underway
 - We are averaging 725-750 snacks per week (approximately 150 per day)
- February – African Heritage Month Speakers and presentations – During the month of February, African Heritage Month, we will be recognizing the contributions of African Canadians who live and work in our community. Throughout February and beyond, our goal is to have speakers of varying professional backgrounds come to speak with our students about their career paths and their lived experiences. We are launching our weekly speaker’s series beginning this week with a Q&A session with singer Reeny Smith. Other speakers include Augy Jones (principal at NSCC Akerly Campus, Coach), Nate Phillipe (Mortgage Broker, Coach), Duan Ash (Lawyer, Coach), Kenneth Oguzie (Entrepreneur and Immigrant), and our very own Jessica Quillan and others who we have not firmed up yet, but will likely be booked in after March Break
- February is Registration Month – All registrations will be completed online this year
- AOB
- Next Meeting (TBA)