

École St. Catherine's School SAC Meeting Minutes



Date: January 11th, 2023

In Attendance via Zoom: Rosie Bona, Nicole Redhead, Ingrid Reyes, Tameika Kim, Tina Roberts-Jeffers, Sarah MacDonald, Denise Friars, Sarah Lipton, Erin Collinson, Ute Fielder, Ian MacRae

Item	Discussion Point
1. Call to Order	Call to order at 5:00 pm
2. Approval of Agenda	Agenda was approved
3. Approval of minutes	Minutes of last meeting were approved January 11, 2023.
5. Correspondence	No correspondence
6. New Business	<p>SSP Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the December PD Day, the primary-Grade 2 cohort focused on Literacy and looked at the six pillars of literacy. We discussed the need for more phonics, phonemic awareness and explicit instruction of sounds in our classrooms to aid in reading. We have begun to learn more about the Science of Reading as literacy rates are down. We looked at various resources to aid in the explicit instruction of phonics, phonemic awareness and sounds. • During the December PD Day, Mr. MacRae delivered PD on Land Acknowledgement and the meaning behind it and why we acknowledge the land. The HRCE received feedback from previous PD given on Mi'kmaq culture, the feedback given was that PD had been too intense and information presented was being delivered by those just learning the information themselves. We talked about the change in land acknowledgement to unceded meaning the land was never given up. There was lots of good discussion surrounding this. Mr. Andrews our Librarian has a great understanding of history in Nova Scotia and helped to facilitate discussion. We talked about what teachers would do next and they submitted an exit slip outlining their next steps in regards to the delivery of Treaty Education. Mr. MacRae will use this as a jumping off point for next PD.

- Math, in the past two months, the grades 3-6 have partaken in the math version of running records. Not yet mandated, however, we felt that it would be beneficial to see how our students' fact fluency is. Mr. MacRae has modeled for teachers how to deliver the assessment. It helps us to know what strategies students are using and what teachers' next steps are. We will complete another round of the same assessment after March Break to monitor progress.

Principal's Report

- The grade 6 basketball team is well underway. There are 5 other schools who are participating. A schedule has been set this year and the students are very excited. Mr. Larade, Mrs. Merrick and Mme Hughes are the coaches this year. We are using Student Support Grant to buy new jerseys.
- Chess club has begun. Steve Macleod and Steve Stirling are our volunteer parents leading the club. We had a wonderful turnout the first session of students from grades 4-6. This is a great opportunity for students who are not interested in playing sports and if students are still interested in joining chess club, they are welcome.
- School Musical this year will be the Wizard of Oz and Auditions have taken place. Grades 4-6 students were invited to audition over lunch hour or after school. We are asking any parents who would like to volunteer to help with make up, costumes or set design.
- The oval skate was set for January 26th for grades 3-6 along with a performance of Jack and the Bean stalk for P-2. Due to the weather, the oval skate was canceled and was rescheduled for February 8th.
- A band from Montreal will come to school on February 9th to celebrate African Heritage Month.
- The string Concert will be held on February 10th after school at 4pm.
- February is registration month. If you know of someone starting primary or pre-primary let them know to register.
- Family literacy day was on January 27th.
- A community bingo and movie night are upcoming events at St. Catherine's School.
- Movie Night scheduled for February 16th.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sharron Paris is our Africian literacy coach for P-2. We have Kathy Bailey starting in February as additional literacy support for P-2. (Reading Recovery)• The basketball nets in the gym need replacing. We know that this is a school cost and have reached out to operations. We are currently looking into any grants that could help us with this cost. We would like for the hoops to be adjustable.• Ignite soccer is ongoing.• We have various art projects in the works at St. Catherine's with African and Mi'kmaq art specialists from the board.
7. Adjournment and Next Meeting	Next meeting will take place Wednesday February 8th th at 5pm