

SAC Meeting – APPROVED Minutes
 February 8th 2022
 5:20 pm, via zoom

Meeting Called by: Dave Madgett

Regrets:

Janessa Williams
 Colin Coady

Attendees:

Dave Madgett
 Angela Gilies
 Cheryl Aubie
 Julie Delnegro
 Roslyn Young
 Allison Nolting
 Amanda Meisner
 Jennifer Brine

1. Welcome Introductions	Dave Madgett
2. Approval of the Agenda	Motion to approve the Agenda by Angela Giles, Seconded by Allison Nolting
3. Approval of the Minutes	Some changes to the January Minutes were noted, and will be corrected before they are posted: Motion to Approve the Minutes by Roslyn Young, Seconded by Angela Giles
4. Admin update	<p>Summary of Past Events:</p> <p>The school moved to online learning for the first week back from winter vacation. While online classes were well attended, it was noted that the long break prior to starting online learning made it difficult for students to transition back to learning, and it was difficult to engage the attention of the students.</p> <p>Students returned to in-school learning on January 17th. Since then, in general, the school has only been down approximately 30-40 kids on any given day. Over 1/3 of those kids are being kept home voluntarily. Families have been diligent about keeping students home when they are exhibiting Covid symptoms or if they have been close contacts.</p> <p>January 25th Covid Rapid test kits (4 tests total) were delivered to each students. February 7th Covid Rapid test kits (6 tests total) were delivered to each students. Tests will continue to be sent home on a regular basis.</p> <p>January 24-28 was Literacy Week. There were many school spirit activities, such as Hats off to Reading, Reading at the Beach, make your own bookmark, invent a</p>

word and of course the popular Stop-Drop-and-Read which promote the fun aspects of reading and literacy. The week was well received by students.

Updates and Summary of Upcoming Events

February is African Heritage month. On February 8th the kids took part in a cross-Canada assembly called Black 365, celebrating African Heritage across the country. It was hosted by Duane Gibson, who is a Nova Scotian that has moved to Toronto. The virtual assembly included a couple hundred schools from across the country. It had content that was tailored to everyone from the primary students to the Grade 6's, and used pop culture references and appearances by celebrities which the students enjoyed. Nova Scotia was well represented, with references to Africville and Viola Desmond, which students recognized from previous learning activities.

Primary and Pre-primary registration starts this month. We currently have 31 pre-primaries and there are 6 registrations for next year. If you know of a family with children that are eligible for pre-primary, please encourage them to register.

We had 5 new students join in the last month. This brings the total number of students to 266 students (PrePrimary to Grade 6) or 235 (Primary to Grade 6).

February 14th is Valentines Day. Similar to last year, and in compliance with Covid best practices, kids will bring their own snacks. Kids are allowed to bring Valentines if they would like, but festivities will be kept low key in light of the current Covid posture.

February 18th is a Professional Development Day, that will focus on Literacy, and include components of anti-black racism and treaty education (No School).

February 21st is the Provincial Family Day Holiday:

14 to 18 March is March Break

March 23rd is an Assessment and Evaluation Day (No school)

March 31 is when 2nd Term Report Cards will be sent home.

April 7th : is a Professional Development /Parent-Teacher Meetings.

Student Success Planning

The Grade 3-6 Literacy Indicator data has been collected.

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Limited	17	24	11	13
Developing	0	0	4	9
Approaching	14	16	18	4
Meeting	69	60	68	74

	<p>The literacy initiatives within the school have resulted in improvements to the literacy indicators for our students.</p> <p>Covid Update:</p> <p>As noted previously, lots of tests have been distributed to the students. Going forward, the supply of tests is expected to be steady, and the school expects to distribute them to students on a weekly basis.</p> <p>Absenteeism: In terms of absences due to illness, the number has not exceeded the 10% threshold which would require reporting to public health. Illness numbers are in line with what is expected in a normal flu season. Our families have been amazing about keeping symptomatic kids home and letting the school know if kids have tested positive for Covid. This has been the key to keeping our numbers low and keeping Covid out of the school. Families are working hard to keep the community and school safe, and we thank them for their diligence.</p> <p>Kids have been good about coming with masks, and hand sanitizing. We thank the parents for reinforcing these requirements at home.</p> <p>Close contact protocols have changed a bit. There are different protocols if you are a close contact to someone within your family, versus outside of your family. Families are encouraged to review the current public health deadlines.</p> <p>The new PA system is expected to be installed soon, and it will include phones in the classrooms. This will allow teachers to call out to parents directly from the classroom.</p>
6.Public Input	None
7. Other	<p>Next meeting April 11th 2022. Online vs. In-person TBD.</p> <p>Motion to Adjourn: Allison Nolting Seconded: Cheryl Aubie</p>