



Crichton Park School

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SAC Minutes for November 3, 2020

Present: Jan Archibald, Jacquelyn Reid, Connie Johnson, Clinton Pinks, Amy MacGregor, Stephen Coutts, Helen MacLeod

Regrets: Karen VanBuskirk

Call to Order

Approval of minutes from last month's meeting

Proposal for outdoor classroom presentation by Jaymi Cormier (parent)

- Jaymi Cormier presented her proposal for the building of an outdoor classroom at Crichton Park to promote student health, well-being, and outdoor learning
- Jaymi shared her Slide deck with SAC members focusing on: overall vision for the project, alignment with Back to School Plan, Inclusion Policy, and SSP focus on well-being and wellness
- Components of what could be part of the collaborative/collective project: physical structure (stone circle, benches, sheltered area), open space like a field, kits and resources materials for teachers to implement outdoor learning, and PD for teachers
- Goals in designing space- accessible for all learners, minimize safety risk, accommodate learning across grades, inclusive participation in teaching and learning, maintenance needs must be considered when choosing materials and design
- Jaymi shared potential ideas and inspiration for the project (rock circles, covered benches, standing tables)
- Visits to several outdoor classrooms around the province
- Meaningful integration of Indigenous art and culture into the design- we will reach out to HRCE Indigenous Art Specialist as well as Jonathan Church to see how they could support this endeavour
- Budget discussed
- Jaymi has applied for a number of grants to support the project

SAC Funds

- This year's funding is \$5244 plus the carry-over from last year of \$3242.53 gives us a total of \$8486.53
- Vote: Members will vote for the use of funds for this year. The outdoor classroom will be put forward for the use of our funding.

- The members voted in favour of using SAC funds to support the building of our outdoor classroom.

Principal's Report

- Math Coach working in 2/3 Trott, 3/4 Kent, and 4/5 Reid & Josey
- Remembrance Day ceremony will take place virtually on Nov. 10 at 9:30 am
- Systemic Racism PD and Mi'kmaq History Virtual Assembly
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually this year Dec 3
- Report cards emailed home again this year on Nov 30
- Public Health Protocols, Plan B, Remote Learning

Student Success Plan:

- Review of New Pedagogies for Deep Learning and the connections to our school's literacy and math goals.
- CPS school has adopted this philosophy to promote engagement in learning, to connect students to real world problems, and to strengthen inquiry based learning in the classroom setting.
- We will be collecting data in December (literacy) and January (math).
- Reviewed the goals of the school for student success planning:
 - 1. To improve student achievement in reading comprehension with a focus on critical response to text.
 - 2. To improve students' ability to solve open-ended problems through critical thinking in math. We talked about how NPDL is embedded in our goals, and what deep learning looks like in practice in the classroom setting.
 - We are adding a third goal to our Student Success Plan focusing on Well-Being.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- January 12, 2021
- February 9, 2021
- April 13, 2021
- May 25, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Reid