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SAC Minutes for May 25, 2023 prepared by Suzanne Hawkes

Present: Jackie Spiers, Megan Rolle, Candacia Haughton, Monica Harding, Mary Emma Murphy, Rhonda Gibson, Erin Kennedy, Suzanne Hawkes

Regrets: Tracy MacDonald

Call to Order (names and time): Jackie Spiers called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm.

Review of meeting summary from May 25/23: Motion to approve by Erin Kennedy and seconded by Mary Emma Murphy.

Business arising from last meeting:

- n/a

Student Success Plan:

Literacy Goal: We will improve achievement in literacy for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

- To increase reading engagement and stamina, design lessons that reflect UDL-multiple means of engagement, representation, action/expression.
- Implement daily 30 minute phonological awareness/phonics lesson P-3 (UFLI)
- To develop a common understanding of how to implement reading/running records so analysis of this data is more valid/consistent

Students will...

- Sustain being engaged and purposeful during independent reading and guided practice
- Demonstrate achievement growth in reading and decoding

Staff will...

- Collaborate to identify next steps for students in areas of reading and phonological awareness/phonics (Classroom Teachers, Learning Support Teachers, SLP, regional supports)
- Notice and respond to what engages students and explore ways to include these interests through instruction and assessment
- Provide mentor/modelling opportunities to deepen understanding of reading/running records and phonological awareness/phonics

Mathematics Goal: We will improve achievement in mathematics for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

- Implement daily 30 minute fact fluency lessons/number sense concepts to build students' flexibility with numbers and fact fluency understanding with students P-6
- Establish flexible small groups with a focus on number sense and computational fluency

Students will...

- Students will demonstrate improved accuracy, flexibility and efficiency with facts
- Students will be open to greater risk taking and be more comfortable with sharing thinking

Staff will...

- Use progression charts to plan lessons and target small groups in fluency/number sense
- Create common assessments within grade levels
- Use language that promotes focus on thinking strategies (i.e., tell me more about your thinking, who agrees with this thinking, who has another strategy)

Well-being Goal: We will improve well-being at our school for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

- Develop positive and supportive relationships with students

Students will...

- Feel safe
- Demonstrate positive engagement during structured and unstructured times
- Demonstrate a comfort in sharing their cultural and individual uniqueness

Staff will...

- Develop system to determine who may benefit from additional positive connections with staff
- Intentionally engage with students to develop relationships
- Provide proactive supervision while on duty

Admin Report

1. Review Student Success Plan
 - Inclusive Education Policy guides our work
 - Review Cycle 1 goals and strategies for Literacy, Mathematics and Wellbeing
2. Financial Update
 - Expected amount for 2023-24 (\$5317.00)
3. Significant Dates
 - Stand Up to Bullying Sept. 14th
 - Curriculum Night/Ice Cream Social
 - Orange Shirt Day Sept. 29th
 - Truth and Reconciliation Assembly Sept. 29th
 - Oct 3-18 Gr. 6 Assessments RWM6 (Oct 4,5, 11, 12)
 - Picture Day Sept. 19th, Oct. 3rd makeup and class pictures
 - Terry Fox Sept. 27-share donation total over \$3500
 - HSA Events-Nov. 16, Jan. 18, April 18, May 25
 - HRCE Fine Arts Teacher May 2024
4. Other items
 - New staff reviewed
 - Current enrollment and configurations-all but one class above soft cap or at hard cap
 - Portable update-landscaping to be completed; brackets holding up air exchanger on outside will be covered for safety
 - Communication Plan (see website; monthly newsletter and School Messenger as needed)
 - Breakfast Program-grab and go continuing in office and in classrooms; milk has been added to options
 - Healthy Hunger options expanded (seeking new Tues. vendor)
 - Celebrating Students (Panda Awards, Fantastic Phone Calls)
 - Student Leadership Grade 6
 - X Country with Ms. Hudson; meet in Cole Harbour
 - Run Club P-6
 - Band Grade 6 and Strings Grades 4-6

*Mary Emma Murphy added that the hockey rink has been repaired and is being used by students frequently in the morning

*Mary Emma also added that we have increased supervision so the back of the school and the portable area is well supervised

New Business:

- Seeking two community members
- Funding proposals (possibly high interest books and math fluency materials)
- Add flags to front hall to represent NS culture and founding groups
- Possible artwork for hockey rink suggested by Jackie Spiers (perhaps connect with Dartmouth High?)

Adjourned (names and time): Motion to adjourn by Mary Emma Murphy and seconded by Jackie Spiers at 4:35 pm.

Upcoming Dates:

November 30, 2023

January 25, 2024

February 22, 2024

April 11, 2024

May 23, 2024