



Ross Road School
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SAC Agenda
May 8, 2023

Attendance: Alison Stark, Kim LeBlanc, Alana Conrad, Sonja Malle-Keating, Garnet Estabrooks, Natasha Trudel, Karen Dawe

Regrets: Liana Field, Valerie van Acquoij, Renee Mashing

- **Call to order / Land Acknowledgement**
We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kmaq, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.
- **Approval of February Meeting Summary Notes**
Natasha Trudel moved to approve. Sonja Malle-Keating 2nd
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New Business:

1. SSP

P-2 Literacy Focus: 80 students

- 77% meeting grade level benchmarks in March
- 89% meeting grade level benchmarks in May

Gr. 3-6 Math Focus: will share data next meeting

Gr. 8 Math Focus: will share data next meeting

2. School Food and Nutrition Policy

English link: <https://forms.gle/yWXTi46GjSzSNhjc8>



SAC SFNP
Presentation_ENG.p

SAC members reviewed the questionnaire together and submitted our responses.
Big idea to encourage the NS Government to put more funding in school food programs such as free lunch options.

3. School Photos

Lifetouch:

- Contract was signed for 1 year, do we want to consider pros and cons before deciding to continue with our contract?
- Parents said they liked the quality of the photos better this year
- Gr. 9 Parents said they did not like the restriction of the backgrounds for the poses
- Parents did not like the 8 X 11 group class photo, they prefer the composite style
- Teachers said the group photos were rushed and not good quality

Yearbook program with Lifetouch:

- program was not user friendly
- bank of images for background are outdated,
- a lot of complications to log in to the program

Yearbook in previous years

- program used was picaboo Yearbooks

NS School Photos has submitted a proposal

Alana Conrad will gather 3 more proposals from local photographers: School Master, Adams, and another. SAC members will review the proposals electronically and come to a consensus on which they prefer and why. We are not leaning toward contract with Lifetouch.

4. SAC Funds

October funds remaining from last year: \$6598.98

22-23 allocation: \$5360.00

SAC Approved purchases:

- 2 Chromebook Carts
- Maritime Center African Dance
- Q Mac
- Ms. Wright: \$500.00
- Ms. Cote: \$500.00
- \$1500.00 for library Project
- \$500.00 (buffer for end of year / teacher requests)

5. Staffing

10.04 request has been approved (3 year commitment for a permanent French Immersion teacher)

Allocation: 9 classroom teachers, additional French Immersion Gr. 7 classroom

Term positions ending: Ms. Ladouce, Rowan Furlotte, Ms. Sponagle, Mr. Banfield, Mr. Smith, Ms. Ash

Permanent positions to post: 2/3 Classroom, School Counsellor, 2 French Immersion Teachers, Jr. High English Program Teacher

Term positions to post: 50% Learning Center Teacher, 70% Physical Education Teacher

6. Home and School report

Natasha Trudel shared:

- Gaga Ball Pit was built and looks amazing!!

- Bingo was a great success. Made approximately \$3000.00 profit! Left over gift cards will be used for the Spring Fair.
- The Yearbook committee did an amazing job preparing the book, and meeting the deadline for students to receive them in June. Gr. 9 students will receive them as a gift. There were about 25 more orders.
- Walk – a – thon is scheduled for May 26 at 1:00pm. Cst. Serge Landry will be with us to provide safety and presence at the crosswalk. We plan to bring the children on a walking route in the community for about 30 minutes.
- The Spring Fair plans are underway. They will use the left over gift cards from the Bingo to sell tickets on a gift card tree.
- Year End Jr. High Dance plans are underway. The theme this year is Hollywood. Gr. 7-9 students and gr. 9s have the chance to invite a friend in good standing from another Jr. High School. Administration will contact their school and parents.

7. Special Reports/School Events

GSA: Youth Educator from Youth Project, button maker, t-shirts using cricut,
CYCP: Board Games Club at lunch (elementary), Girls' and those who identify as girls' group (Jr. High)

Spirit Week (leading into March Break)

O2 Program: 12 Gr. 9 students have been accepted into the program and received a certificate of acceptance (20 spots at Cole Harbour High)

4/5 and 5/6 went to Museum of Natural History (Human Body exhibition)

Junior Achievement Gr. 9 (Economics Success)

Gr. 6 and 7 went to Black Loyalist Heritage Center

Gr. 3-6 students (randomly selected) went to Funny Pages Event at Halifax Library

Pan Canadian Assessment Gr. 8

Learning Center field trip to Grand View Golf and Country Club. May 8

8. AOB:

- Power outages: the emergency lightening was repaired week of May 24-28. However, there remains 3 areas (upper hallway outside boy's washroom and both boys' washrooms) that need to be fixed again. Caretaker has put in a work order
- Donation of flashlights did not arrive (will put out a memo to request again... it was a parent who suggested the donation, hopefully it will jog their memory)

9. Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 6 at 6:00. Location will be a restaurant in Cole Harbour or nearby. Kim LeBlanc will send out an email with a few restaurants to choose from.

10. Adjourned: 7:38 PM