



**Ross Road School**  
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**SAC Agenda**  
**November 24, 2022**

**Attendance:** Allison Stark, Garnet Estabrook, Karen Dawe, Renee Masching, Liana Field, Alana Conrad, Kim LeBlanc

**Regrets:**

**1. Call to order / Land Acknowledgement**

We Acknowledge that we are in Mi'kmaki the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

**2. Approval of October Meeting Summary Notes**

Garnet Estabrooks approved, Karen Dawe 2nd

**3. Approval of November Agenda**

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**New Business:**

**1. Staffing (School Counsellor, FI Math and Science)**

- Jessica Ash, School Counsellor will begin Jan. 3
- Brian Middleton is off on leave until Jan. 13 (sub: retired teacher Angela Rooney, subs and former special license student teacher, support from HR: 4 names of newly hired special licenced subs; 2 declined, 2 were already in positions, currently considering ENG speaking, content qualified subs)

**2. Student Success Plan (Compare June/October P-2 Data)**

- End Year June 2022: Gr. P-2 80% meeting expectations, 11% approaching, 1% developing, 9% limited
- \*Term 1 2022: Gr. 1-3 58% meeting expectations, 12% approaching, 31% developing, 0% limited
- End of Year June 2022: Gr. P-3 Female students: 84% meeting, 9% approaching, 7% limited
- \*Term 1 2022: Gr. 1-3 Female students 59% meeting, 12% approaching, 31% developing
- End Year June
- End of Year June 2022: Gr. P-3 Male students 76% meeting, 12% approaching, 2%

developing, 10% limited

- \*Term 1 2022: Gr. 1-3 male students 52% meeting, 7% approaching, 41% developing

\*Primary students are still learning their letters and sounds, running records will be administered Term 2 and Term 3

### 3. Heating in the school

Garrett - daughter was cold at school - so investigated: small tanks at school can only hold 4-5 days worth of oil. New tanks were supposed to be added. Tanks are having to be emergency filled. There is a shortage of oil tanks. Email sent to acting super asking for a response within 3 days with threat of going to media etc.

They said they were working on a solution and a bigger tank. New tank is supposed to be 4000 litres as an interim solution before the larger tank that is required. Dec 13 mtg with Angela Simmons - going to make her aware of this issue - hopefully she can apply some pressure. Bigger tank was installed today for a temporary solution.

Power of a parental voice!

### 4. Membership / Recruitment (Student Rep.)

Trying to recruit more members from the North Preston community - Miss Iona Smith is a high possibility

Willow Field is interested in being a student rep. Kim to meet with Willow and any other students who would be interested in the role. Have the kids be representatives and share their perspective on how things are going at school.

### 5. SAC Funds (technology, cultural assemblies, etc.)

Last year money left in account: \$6598.98

This year we have: \$5000 + \$1 per student (approx 360)

How do we want to spend?

- Teacher's chromebook, chromebook hub or tec hub
  - Alana recommends we always use some SAC funds for technology - we always need updated equipment to keep up with new updates etc
  - some chromebooks no longer have usable battery, wear & tear, etc
  - 1:1 in JH, but not in elementary
  - 5 donated by a family; 30 from HRCE
  - hoping for a chromebook cart \$2029.75 to house the new chromebooks
  - because of covid, the wear & tear on the chromebooks was significant and so all across the board, there is a deficit
  - Recommending we can put a significant amount towards tech

Consensus by the committee to purchase 2 carts and whatever number of chromebooks will use up last year's SAC funds.

Chromebooks: \$446.20

Chromebook Cart: \$2029.75

Tech Tub: \$350.75

- Cultural assemblies and events:
  - Maritime Centre for African Dance \$914 with 3 workshops;

- Mi'kmaq Friendship Centre partnered with Brittany Ponnell (drum circles, dances, etc) request out with Brittany - this would be done in each classroom
- Quincy Mack (qmack on youtube) presentation comes to school and uses skills from basketball to know yourself, know your ancestry, use your skills, stay in school - Bring everyone to the same assembly - booked for next week - \$900 + tax

Consensus from all SAC for items listed above under cultural assemblies and events. Approval to use funds has been given.

#### 6. Special Reports/School Events

- presentation by MADD Canada Gr 7-9
- relocation drill
- started breakfast program
- Halloween activities were incredible - JH was very involved and loved it
- 3rd fire drill
- beautiful remembrance day ceremony - kids and staff were incredible - band did a great job
- photo retakes
- term 1 assessments GR 1-6 did running records
- term 1 Gr 3-6 teachers computational fluency
- term 1 Gr 8 teachers collecting math data
- term 1 report cards

#### 7. AOB:

- Home & School update
- Recent fundraisers did very well
- Santa Shop on Friday
- Christmas concert is the 15th - dress rehearsal in the afternoon is open to the public as well to avoid space constraints in the evening
- Next meeting on Zoom: January 26 @ 6pm