



Ross Road School
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SAC General Meeting Agenda
February 22, 2024

Attendance: April Scudder, Karen Dawe, Natasha Trudel, Rose Godbout, Sonja Malle-Keating, Valerie Keulen Van Acquoi, Garnett Estabrooks, Renee Masching, Alana Conrad, Kim LeBlanc

Regrets: Allison Stark, Liana Field, Matt Strickland

1. Call to order 6:35 by Karen Dawe
2. Approval of the last meeting notes Sonja Malle-Keating and 2nd by Natasha Trudel
3. Approval of Agenda Sonja Malle-Keating and 2nd by Natasha Trudel

Ongoing Business:

A. Fence (Rose Godbout's Inclusion Statement)

We are waiting to hear from HRCE Operations for next step. The funding seems to be secure with collaboration from our political partners: David Hendsbee and Trish Purdy, SAC and Home and School. Garnett Estabrooks will assist by reaching out to owners of the property next door to find out when he plans to take down the fence.

New Business:

A. Student Success Plan / Early Development Instrument survey (EDI)

Last year's primary students participated in the EDI for teachers to determine areas of vulnerability. This information is collected by the EECD to identify areas to support. 28 students participated. The primary teacher interviewed the students and parents filled in a questionnaire. Results were in 3 categories, Vulnerable, At Risk or On Track.

RRS Results 2022-23

Physical Health and Well being: 3.6% At Risk / 96.4% On Track

Social Competence: 7.1% Vulnerable / 14.3% At Risk / 78.6% On Track

Emotional Maturity: 4% Vulnerable / 21.4% At Risk / 75% On Track

Language and Cognitive Development: 100% On Track

Communication Skill and General Knowledge: 7.1% At Risk, / 92.9% On Track

B. Neptune Theatre

Wednesday, March 27 Grumpy and Grimm, funded by Halifax Regional Arts (HRA), organized by our HRA Facilitator Jonathan Grady for our P-6 classes

- C. African Heritage Celebrations
 - Daily African Heritage Quiz Question
 - Assembly: Cindy Cain signing Lift Every Voice and Sing
 - Bold and Beyond Stomp Group
 - Local African Drummers: Wayne Hamilton
 - Staff Luncheon for staff catered by local: ULYSES Soul Food
 - Bulletin Board
 - Flag
 - Lift Every Voice and Sing during morning announcements

- D. Earth Day
 - Karen Dawe will reach out to Richard Zerofsky to do a presentation
 - School Yard Clean-up

- E. Home and School update
 - Natasha Trudel shared:
 - Working with a healthy budget
 - Teacher Appreciation – additional \$150.00 to support classrooms
 - Goal: School Beautification (inside and outside)
 - New Signage
 - Jr. High Dance fundraiser approx.. \$500
 - Coming up: Bunny Hop Family Dance, Bingo (accepting gift cards for prizes), Spring Fair (bouncy castle company supporting a school family business)
 - Pinnies for school phys. Ed, and sports
 - Investing in things school can use for long term (balloon arches, table cloths, table skirting, etc.)
 - Support of the Fence project

AOB (Any Other Business)

- A. Weapons in School
 - Protocol is the Code of Conduct: Possession of Weapons and Illegal Activity
 - Principal/VP and designate to search locker and belongings to locate the weapon
 - Call 911
 - Collaborate with Police and Admin. Supervisor (when safe to do so)
 - Admin decides the consequence based on all the information gathered and after Threat Risk Assessment has been done.

- B. Funding opportunity for SAC work in schools (letter to SAC Chair and Principals)
 - EECD has granted SAC the opportunity to apply for a \$10,000 grant to support the SSP goals in Math, Literacy and Well being.
 - Deadline to apply: April 18
 - EECD notification of decision: June
 - Funds released: September
 - Final Report by SAC: May 31, 2025
 - Karen Dawe, Valerie Keulen Van Acquoi, Alana Conrad, and Kim LeBlanc will accept suggestions from SAC members and Staff members and then complete the funding application. Kim will send the docs to all SAC members for their review.

- C. Photographer is Schoolmaster.
RRS will continue with this company for 2024-25

Adjournment 7:43