

SJAM SAC Meeting Minutes Nov 19, 2024

In Attendance: Ben Stone, Jamesie Coolican, Janessa Williams, Katie Mott, Raquel Fletcher, Nakeah Young, Amanda Meisner, Claire Swinamer, Anita Richards, Ivy Ho

Regrets: Creighton Barrett, Jesse LeGallais, Jalana Lewis, Alicia O'Leary

Approval of October minutes and November agenda.

SJAM2- School Life-

Literacy, Math & Well Being:

P-6 Literacy: Funding Request: Visual Timer: 51.78 Laminating Sheets: 65.04 Total: \$116.82

These items help facilitate mini-lessons and keep materials for instruction durable.

Math Focus: Primary classes are focused on number sense and grades 1-6 are focused on implementing the fact fluency block.

Well Being: -school counsellor presented our well being strategy using the Third Path. We're focusing on the first four strands: safety/regulation/belonging/positivity. Helping is CYCP and our ANSSSW. Funding Request: Play Instruments: \$66.33 Noise Cancelling Headphones: 68.98 Lava Lamps: 19.99 Bubbles: 27.59 Total: \$182.89

Total Funding Request: \$299.71

Current school site update: A flood occurred in the basement on Monday, Oct. 28th. A restoration company was onsite to restore the basement.

New school update: There has been no new update since the last communication. Quarterly Update is scheduled for December.

Bussing update: All buses are showing up on time in the morning and the afternoon. Cheyanne rode one bus route. A few bus monitors are shifting to other buses to mentor other bus monitors. Cheyanne and Katie are filling in to make sure that there is a bus monitor on each bus.

Staffing update: ● Greg Aver has filled the role of CYP for the remainder of the year. ● Rebecca Goldburg will be rejoining our Learning Center as our third 100% LC teacher as of December 4 when she has completed her maternity leave. ● Student Services is currently reviewing our caseloads for EPA support. ● Ms. Woodbury continues to fill in for French Resource (50%). ● Our school is currently still without a School Psychologist as the staff member is on medical leave and there is no one to put in the position. ● Rachel Griffith has been filling in as our 10 % music and relief teacher. She will also be working with students of African descent to support our literacy goals through small groups and one on one literacy instruction.

Food Program at SJAM: The Nova Scotia lunch program has been very successful. While we are still working on some delivery issues, it has been a relatively smooth roll out and we have very minimal food waste. Ordering for November 24th to December 7th is open for one more day. On the NS lunch website there is a way to provide feedback once you've logged in.

School Activities: • Multi-class trip to Wild Robot movie was a hit, many students came back comparing and contrasting the book they had read as a class and the movie they saw. • Grade sixes will be going to the Millbrook Cultural Center at the end of the month. • Whole school assemblies: Both our Mi'kmaw Heritage Month assembly and Remembrance Day assembly took place outside on our playground. Last year DAL was able to give us Ondaatje Hall for some assemblies, but is undergoing renovations and is not available this year. However, Jalana Lewis was able to secure funding for SJAM to use the Rebecca Cohen for two whole school assemblies : February for Black History month and June : End of year celebration. • December 12th has been confirmed as our Winter concert for grades Primary - 2 and including both 2/3 classes. This will take place at Highland Jr. high. • Family/Teacher conferences will take place Dec. 5. Teachers will be available in person at SJAM or on the phone with some teachers traveling to the Mulgrave Park Caring and Learning Center.

Financial Report: Katie Mott reviewed the financial report. SAC approved the funding requests. It was suggested that at the September meeting, the previous school year funding can be reviewed.

SAC Membership Development:

There are 2 spots open.

Music: A drum set has been donated. Robyn Traill has rented an electric keyboard and a bass guitar. There are still other items he is looking for.

Accessible Transport: Within the city, SJAM has been using an accessible taxi to go on field trips. If anyone hears about grants for funding for an accessible bus to take the student to field trips that are further away please let Katie Mott know.

Water Fountains: Ivy was wondering if there are cups available in each classroom in case kids forget their water bottle or if the water fountains can be made usable again. There are cups in the office that kids can use, and some teachers have cups in their classroom.

Website: There is a new website. Admin was told that all the information on the previous website was going to be transferred to the new website; however, that did not happen. This means that past SAC minutes are no longer on the website.

Next Meeting Tuesday December 10 from 6-7 Ben Stone will be absent for this meeting. Jamesie will chair and Ivy will take notes.