

## **SAC - 2025-11-18 Meeting Minutes**

### **In attendance:**

Cheyenne Gorman-Tolliver, Katie Mott, Becky Thakkar, Nakeah Young, Bree Mackin, Jamesie Coolican, Janessa Williams, Claire Swinamer, Bernadette Johnson

### **Regrets:**

Brittany Chipango, Brianna Cromwell, Jim Pomeroy, Alicia O'Leary, Brenda McNutt, Didar Dogan, Creighton Barrett

### **Agenda approved.**

#### **One change to October Minutes - Minutes Approved**

### **School-Life Report**

#### **Literacy, Math & Well Being:**

We have completed our first whole school data entry for P-6 in Reading, Writing, and Math. We will have a report available for December's meeting on where students are but as a school team we have reviewed the data and have confirmed it aligns with what our Specialist Teachers have assessed and that all students who need support are noted and planned for.

In Literacy, our ELSTs and FLSTs began their Tier 1 and Tier 2 support the week of October 13<sup>th</sup> and have been well under way in supporting P-2 classroom teachers with whole class/small group instruction and intervention with grade 2 students. In grades 3-6 they have been supporting by collaborating and co-planning with classroom teachers based on student assessment.

In Math, Natalie Deware, our MCST (Math Coach Support Teacher) has also been using her data and assessment to continue to collaborate and co-teach with specific classroom teachers for her assessment block. At the end of November, Beth Graham, an English MCST will be joining SJAM to support classroom teachers.

Well Being support and activities are well under way continue to support students in whole groups, small groups, and individually.

We are still working on final release of our School Wide Matrix. It is complete but we are working through how to make it visually inclusive for all students.

#### **Financial Request:**

There are no financial requests this month. The school has not received this year's budget yet.

#### **Current school site update:**

Nothing to report.

#### **New school update:**

Nothing to report. Administration have not been given a new site visit date. Walls are up, mosaic has been laid, etc.

#### **Bussing update:**

Families have been reaching out to Transportation with concerns and as a school we have seen some improvements in timing. Janessa sent a letter on behalf of Needham daycare. SAC approved sending a letter drafted by Bernadette Johnson. SAC chair to email letter this week.

**Staffing update:**

We have a plan to fill the 50% French Resource Teacher position with a current long term sub once the regular classroom teacher returns. Right now, the transition is scheduled tentatively for December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Food Program at SJAM:**

Nothing to report.

**School Activities:**

Classes have gone on field trips to a hiking venue and the Museum of Natural History. Swimming, Dodgeball, and other clubs continue to happen. We have finalized our Winter Concert date, time, and venue: Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 (performances 6-7pm), Grades P-2/3, Highland Park Jr. High.

**Financial Report (Admin)**

**SAC Membership Development**

- Currently: 7 parents, 6 staff, 3 Community Members

**New School “Code of Conduct”**

- review time is complete (i.e. SAC was asked to provide feedback prior to the new code of conduct policy being released).
- Incidents & safety
  - Can SAC offer anything in this regard?
  - Mitigate boredom during unstructured time, or is this needed? Dal students are now volunteering at lunch time, 15 minute recesses aren't very long.
  - Staff could look at the rate of incidents prior to Dal students and with Dal students to see if there is a decrease in incidents.

**Round Table:** soccer nets and other outdoor supplies were bought using funds SJAM Home and School received from the HRM participatory grants.

**Next Meeting January 13 at 6pm**