

SAC- 2025-10-14 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Cheyenne Gorman-Tolliver, Katie Mott, Becky Thakkar, Nakeah Young, Anita Richards, Creighton Barrett, Didar Dogan, Jamesie Coolican, Janessa Williams, Jenna Barns, Jim Pomeroy, Brenda McNutt, Claire Swinamer, Bernadette Johnson

Regrets:

Bree Mackin, Brittany Chipango, Brianna Cromwell

No changes to September Minutes - Minutes Approved

Literacy, Math & Well Being:

Our first data collection will be completed by the end of October. We are using a combination of where students were in June and what teachers have assessed so far to come out with our baseline.

In Literacy, all Grade 1 and 2 students in both English and French Immersion programs have been screened by our ELST (Early Literacy Support Teachers) and our FLST (French Literacy Support Teachers) and students have been scheduled in Tier 1 and 2 support groups. The focus for this block which lasts 12 weeks will be grade 2 for intervention (Tier 2) and grade 1s will receive Tier 1 support in class. Our ELSTs and FLSTs are also doing consultation with classroom teachers in the upper grades to support Tier 1 instruction. Our Literacy Lead Team has also facilitated our Literacy PLC to collaborate with classroom teachers to support students we know are not yet meeting grade level benchmarks.

In Math, Natalie Deware, our MCST (Math Coach Support Teacher) is facilitating group sessions on differentiation and assessment to support teachers in best practices for teaching and assessing computational fluency. We also receive the results from our Grade 3 Provincial Math Assessments; 75% of students in FI met grade level benchmarks and 22% of students in English have met. The Math Lead Team reviewed the data and the group sessions are part of the plan going forward to support students.

We have also established a Well Being Lead Team comprised of our ANSSSW (African Nova Scotian Student Support Worker), CYCP (Child & Youth Care Practitioner), and our School Counsellor. They are working on supporting classrooms with Tier 1 instruction on emotional regulation and social skills based off our School Matrix. Our counsellor has also started a Craft Club, we have a Bracelet Group starting with our Marking & Prep Teacher, Ms. Carroll, and our CYCP will take the lead on GSA: Rainbow Club.

Financial Request:

Replacement Materials for French Immersion UFLI: \$313.50

French Immersion Decodable Books: \$803.32

Materials for French Immersion Literacy (FLST): \$1,914.69

Total Request: \$3,032.51

- Every Day Speech - Was more expensive than initially thought due to exchange rate

Current school site update:

Nothing to report from Cheyanne

Financial request (Creighton Barrett): 2 new soccer goals: \$433.20

Previous Soccer Nets were damaged.

Claire will look into purchasing a smaller alternative that can be kept in the school with Home and School Funds.

New school update:

Site visit was canceled and has to be rescheduled.

Bussing update:

We've had a few issues with late buses and parents have been reaching out about the lack of communication from Transportation. The principal reaches out each time a bus is late to get an ETA on school arrival and has been encouraging families to reach out to Transportation with their concerns. Bus 1317 is consistently late, arriving between 3:30-4:00pm as it does another school run before SJAM. However, the Transportation contract states that buses are on time as long as it arrives within 20 mins. of dismissal.

It was suggested to send letters of concern to HRCE Transportation from parents and Janessa put forward they will send a letter of concern from the childcare center as well

Also suggested that a drafted letter could be put on SJAM Facebook page as a template for families to send to HRCE Transportation

Staffing update:

School has not been able to fill the 50% French Resource position. We continue to post the position and work with HRCE to find a feasible solution.

Food Program at SJAM:

Our school has a new vendor this year, Chartwell's and things are going well.

School Activities:

Band and Violin are up and running, Dodgeball Intramurals are happening and SJAM participated in Cross Country Race. Our ANSSSW has a swimming group and as mentioned previously we have Craft Club and Bracelet Making. SJAM students attended a concert at the Rebecca Cohn featuring Jah'Mila and Symphony Nova Scotia.

SAC Membership

Missing 3 Community Members

Need a Secretary - Bernadette Johnson accepted position moving forward

New Items

Use of Screens in the classroom

- What is the use and frequency of use of screens in the classroom
- Katie reviewed some expectations on the use of chromebooks in the classroom

Next Meeting - November 18th

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