

**SAC SJAM Meeting Minutes October 17, 2023**

In Attendance: Ben Stone, Jamesie Coolican, Amanda Meisner, Nakeah Young, Brenda McNutt, Creighton Barrett, Katie Mott, Emily Johnson, Ivy Ho, Anita Richards, Cheyanne Tolliver

Regrets: Janessa Williams

Principal update: SJAM2- School Life-

Literacy, math, well being:

P-6 Literacy: Thank you to SAC for the financial support for the Literacy Resources, they are ordered, assembled and being used in classrooms. Next up we are putting together the French Resources. We pulled our September baseline data together for P-2 Literacy. Teachers are meeting this week during our PLC (Peer Learning Community) to plan out instruction for students who are not yet at grade level benchmarks.

P-2 English (71 total: 23 m/48 nm) %

Overall Students Meeting 32.4%

African Ancestry Students Meeting 24%

Mi'kmaq/Indigenous Students Meeting 0

Other Students Meeting 8.4%

P-2 French Immersion (109 total: 77m/32nm) %

Overall Students Meeting 77%

African Ancestry Students Meeting 9.2%

Mi'kmaq/Indigenous Students Meeting 0

Other Students Meeting 61.5%

3-6 English (81 total: 22m/59nm) %

Overall Students Meeting 27.2%

African Ancestry Students Meeting 8.64%

Mi'kmaq/Indigenous Students Meeting 1.23

Other Students Meeting 17.3%

3-6 French Immersion (99 total: 49m/50nm) %

Overall Students Meeting 49.5%

African Ancestry Students Meeting 2.0%

Mi'kmaq/Indigenous Students Meeting n/a

Other Students Meeting 47.5%

Math Focus: Thank you to SAC for the financial support in purchases resources for math. They are almost all purchased and being distributed. Joining us this month is a French Math Coach Jeanne Moore who will be working with specific teachers but also checking in with all FI teachers. Our focus for our data collection will be Fact Fluency and we will report those findings at next months SAC. We do have school wide baseline data and will be going through short cycle planning to move instruction forward.

Well Being: Collaboration with Specialists teachers and other school supports are happening to provide supports such as activities and play equipment for outdoor play. Our school GSA is working on their first gathering of this year.

Current school site update:

Contractors have been on site for: natural gas and heating. Work continues to be done.

New school update:

There has been no new update since the last communication.

Bussing update:

We have seen an uptake of bus conduct forms from a couple of buses. To rectify this, Admin has met with Transportation and there is a communication plan happening in each class and messages being sent home to families to help encourage the bus safety messages.

Staffing update:

We have one 80% EPA position left to fill. We also now have enough lunch monitors to monitor students during eating time and outdoor time. So our lunch hour has changed to 12:10-1:10pm with grades P-2 eating from 12:10-12:40 and grades 3-6 outside at that time and then grades 3-6 eat from 12:40-1:10 and P-2 are outside. Cheyanne and Emily are filling in the gaps as lunch monitors as we are not as consistent with monitors as we'd like to be. If you know anyone who could spare an hour and would like to get paid for it, please reach out.

#### Food Program at SJAM:

Due to staff illness we are a little behind in our plans for hot lunch program. However, our Schools Plus Outreach Worker has confirmed the start of our Hot Breakfast Program.

The North End Community Health Centre is looking at offering a hot breakfast 3 days a week. They are looking at getting funding for more days.

#### School Activities:

Our African Student Support Worker is running two programs for students of African Ancestry. These activities take place during our lunch hour. They are a Basketball Skills Program and Swim Program in partnership with Dalhousie University. There is also a Dodgeball activity in the works, Grades 4-6 Choir is up and running with 40 participants and grades 3-6 also went on their first field trip to the Milk Sports Fair.

We are planning a Winter Concert for Grades P-2 to take place on December 6th and a Spring Concert will be held for grades 3-6. Stay tuned for more details.

The Dal Sports Women's program is considering coming once a week to do a lunch time multi-sport program. Big Brothers and Big Sisters may come once a week to do a lunch-time program.

Veith house is wondering if SJAM wants to sing at the tree-lighting. Brenda will speak with music teacher.

Healthy Hunger was brought up as an option. It's an online system for parents to order food.

SAC Membership: we still need one parent (non French-immersion) and one community member. Cheyanne will put a request for new members in the newsletter.

Playground: teachers have chosen the games/stencils that they would like used. Spray paint needs to be ordered from a specific company and Cheyanne is unsure of how much it will cost. Every few weeks the rocks on the playground rocks get sucked up. Cheyanne calls 311 and they come and remove the rocks. The African support worker is going to get some soccer net. **To Do:** Cheyanne will contact Waye Mason (city counsellor) regarding the school playground.

Next Meeting: November 14 at 6pm