

SJAM SAC Meeting Minutes Nov. 14 2023

In Attendance: Anita Richards, Ben Stone, Katie Mott, Janessa Williams, Cheyanne Gorman-Tolliver, Nakeah Young, Jamesie Coolican, Emily Johnson, Raquel Fletcher, Amanda Meisner

Regrets: Brenda McNutt, Creighton Barrett

Approval of agenda and minutes

SJAM2- School Life- November 14, 2023

Literacy, math, well being:

P-6 Literacy: The UFLI lessons are in progress, and it is really supporting students with phonics and phonological awareness. We also have our two literacy coaches working one-on-one with teachers and also doing check ins and mini professional learning sessions with other teachers.

Math Focus: We continue to work with our two math coaches in English and French Immersion to ensure that small group instruction is happening to meet the needs of students. A solid 60 minutes (Grades 4-6) or 45 minutes (Primary to Grade 3) of uninterrupted math time along with 30 mins per day of fact fluency is consistent at every grade level.

Well Being: We continue to collaborate as a staff to determine action steps for our well being goal. We did have the Youth Project come in to do presentations to classrooms and a Students vs. Staff Dodgeball game.

Current school site update:

Gil-Son Construction Limited has been on site daily to regulate heat and to continue work on the natural gas heating system.

New school update:

No new news.

Bussing update: Nothing to report. Buses have been on time.

Staffing update:

We have one 80% EPA position left to fill. Working on filling the VP position for Emily's maternity leave.

Food Program at SJAM:

Our hot breakfast program has started. It is going well; the menu and schedule went out in schoolmessenger.

School Activities:

The Youth Project visited SJAM to deliver presentations to classes. Topics were age/grade appropriate: **P-3:** Reading a Storybook that facilitates discussions on diversity, kindness, respect, and friendship, **4:** Presentation and discussion about stereotypes around body, gender, and expression; Introduction of terms and topics related to gender affirming care and allyship, **5-6:** A 101 workshop that looks at gender identity, sexual orientation, homophobia, transphobia, and allyship. This is in partnership with the Department of Education & Early Childhood Education.

We also held a Remembrance Day assembly outdoors. We had classes that presented poems and songs, laying of the wreaths, and a moment of silence.

We are looking to confirm a venue for our Grade P-2 Winter Concert. Our choir will be participating in the North End Business Association Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 1st.

SAC membership: we still need one parent (ideally a parent of a child who is not in French Immersion). We still need more community members. We could reach out to someone at the North End Business Association and the Mulgrave Learning Centre.

Next Meeting: December 12 at 6pm.