

SAC January 16, 2024

In attendance: Ben Stone, Ivy Ho, Anita Richards, Katie Mott, Creighton Barrett, Raquel Fletcher, Jamesie Coolican, Kim Fry

Regrets: Cheyanne Gorman-Tolliver, Amanda Meisner, Janessa Williams

December minutes approved

Creighton suggested a financial update at each meeting.

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Literacy, math, well being:

At a PLC (Peer Learning Community) meeting on December 19th teachers and support staff gathered to review students who were not meeting grade level benchmarks in grades P-6. We discussed the importance of MTSS (multi-tiered systems of support) which included Tier 1 and Tier 2 support for students not meeting. Our focus, Tier 1 involves high-quality whole and small group classroom instruction so we looked for trends and patterns within classrooms, then grouped students and planned what small group instruction would look like for those students, including the target area for instruction for the month of January. This allowed teachers to focus in on those students not meeting and make a plan of action to start off in the new year. Administration will use these plans to monitor instruction during observations and walkthroughs.

For our Math goal the focus remains on planning, teaching, and assessing fact fluency and tracking data for the whole school in that area.

Our well being goal continues to address area where students feel unsafe and in January we are going to start it off with a school spirit week that will involve lots of whole school activities that will get us outside and interacting with each other PP-Grade 6. It will take place January 22-26.

Current school site update:

We now have two new boilers up and running and three chimneys that are fully functional. Work was done over the break and that part is complete and air quality tests results gave the all clear. There are still a few rooms that have little to no heat and the technicians and HRCE Operations have been diligently working to problem solve.

Discussed the impact of the school being relocated on kids being able to participate on sports teams etc. Discussed the possibility of sending a survey to parents regarding the biggest challenges with being relocated, as a way to have some data on what parent priorities for improvements at the current school are. This could be helpful for advocating for improvements. Ben will raise this at Home and School, as it was decided that it would be more appropriate for Home and School to do the survey.

One question was whether the school is able to get soccer nets.

New school update:

We received our quarterly update in December with the new timelines and a opening date of September 2025. The School Steering Committee does not have a role currently. They will be contacted once there are decisions to be made about the interior of the new school.

Bussing update: There have been two minor bus accidents in the past two weeks. Parents were not happy with the communication from Transportation, as they sent emails that the bus was late with no other information. Cheyanne has passed along the feedback to Transportation.

Staffing update:

Katie Mott is officially Acting VP until January 2025! Ms. Mac has settled in great to her grade 2 class and the students have enjoyed a smooth transition. Madame Fielding has started teaching Core French, she has a total of three classes and is working her way into building relationships with students and getting to know SJAM. We also have two student teachers with us in Grade P/1 McNeil and 4/5 Young. A correction to our EPA allocation was made and while we hired a term just before the break, they are filling a maternity leave until July 31st and so we have interviews underway to fill two more 80% EPA positions.

Food Program at SJAM:

Breakfast program is going well, and we have started our January delivery. We offered some suggestions for variety based on feedback from students and luckily NECHC and ...Kitchens have been very accommodating.

School Activities: Looking forward to next week's Spirit Week!

SAC Membership: Kim Fry would like to join SAC. We need 2 more community members

Next Meeting: Tuesday Feb. 13th at 6pm