

## SJAM SAC Meeting Minutes June 11, 2024

In Attendance: Ben Stone, Jamesie Coolican, Anita Richards, Katie Mott, Nakeah Young, Cheyanne Tolliver, Ivy Ho, Brenda McNutt

Regrets: Creighton Barrett

Approval of May minutes and June agenda.

Welcome Jahtaya and Jalana to the SAC!

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

Literacy/Math: Grade 3 provincial assessments were completed in May and the results will be sent to schools and families next year.

Well Being: There is nothing new to report. The financial request for our SJAMBoree ties in with our well-being goal.

**Financials & Financial Request:** Attached is the current balance of SAC account. The breakdown of last month's financial ask of \$4000 is as follows: \$ 2373.14 to cover the cost of the buses down to the park and \$ 1626.86 to order math resources for students for the school year 2024-2025 based on our assessments of Fact Fluency.

**Current school site update:** We are currently working on plans for a secondary accessible entrance/exit from our building to our playground. Operations and Student Services were on site to look at what is needed. Playground stencils are on site, and the plan is to paint the stencils Friday morning.

In September, the SJAM pre-primary program will take place at St. Stephen's school, as there is not enough space at the current site for the school population.

**New school update:** Nothing to update.

**Bussing update:** Nothing to update.

### **Staffing update:**

We continue to post for our staffing needs for 2024-2025 as per the guidelines. Right now, we have to fill positions for four maternity leaves of varying lengths, an educational leave, and the backfill because Katie will still be Acting VP until January. We also have yet to fill 50% French Resource, and 80% Marking & Prep Relief. We are also awaiting a Core French teacher that we share with another school. SJAM has been assigned a new music teacher and Molly Anderson is sad to be leaving SJAM.

## **School Activities:**

May was filled with more field trips, and also our French Cultural Grant experiences coordinated by our FI teachers. Mme. North's 4/5 class raised over \$700 to purchase equipment/toys that will make our playground time more accessible for all students. We had a successful and fun DAL/SJAM Day. Spring Fair was a HUGE success! Great time had by all and we are so thankful for the amazing members of our Home & School Association for all their work! We had a fantastic Black Excellence Week celebrating and recognizing the greatness of our Black students and community members. We held transition meetings with both Jr. Highs preparing for our grade 6s to move on. Our SJAM Track & Field Team had a fabulous showing at the Track Meet. Our grade 6 girls placed 1st in long jump, ball throw, 100m sprint, and 4x100 relay. They also received 3rd place in ball throw, 4th in high jump, and 6th & 7th in 100m sprint. The grade 4/5 boys placed 4th in long jump and 7th in 1500m race. Ms. T. and Mr. Walter took Grade 5/6 black students on a field trip to the Akoma Family Centre.

**Reinstate cut English Classroom letter:** Ben wrote a letter advocating for reinstatement of the cut English classroom. This will be sent shortly.

**Diversity:** Ben has sent the letter advocating for more Equity consultants, particularly one with a focus on gender diverse students. Ben received a lovely response from Otis Daye who has been advocating as well. The next step is for Ben to send the letter to the Department of Education.

**Survey guardians to solicit ideas for SJAM2 improvements for 2024/25** – Kim Fry had volunteered to take this on. No updates from her.

**SAC Annual Report:** Cheyanne has completed the Annual Report, which was reviewed by the SAC members. Once edits are completed Cheyanne will submit the report.

## **SAC Membership Development:**

- We need 1 parent (suggested non-French Immersion). It is possible that there may be parents wanting to join SAC in September. Ben met with Jesse LeGallais (parent) to talk about the role of the SAC.
- We need one more community member. We are holding a spot for someone who works in Mulgrave Park.

## **Agenda items for the next meeting:**

- Think about the innovation grant
- Letter asking province to do community impact studies prior to displacing schools.

**Next Meeting Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-7**