



SJAM SAC Agenda

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

5:30-6:30, SJAM Staff Room

Next Meeting: January 9, 2019

Welcome & Check In

How are you? What's on your mind as you come to this meeting?

Approval of the Minutes

Stephanie Kenny

Second Melanie Hayne

Student Success Plan

Literacy Goal: To improve student achievement in reading with a focus on accuracy, fluency and comprehension beyond the text (questioning, making connections, synthesizing, inferring)

Math Goal: To improve student achievement in number sense with a focus on partitioning and representing numbers

- Grade six assessments returned yesterday: preliminary scanning show really good improvement. Success with Level 4 questions show students have increased from the previous year. In Level 3 questions students have increased about 20%.
- The report to parents are more detailed.
- This information will be in the next meeting as well.

What's New with the SAC this year?

- Recap of SAC PD: the basic feel of the new information is in "real time". Positive feeling, communication seemed sincere. And some of the feedback was heard. There was part of the meeting where they were asking us what we should do and what we see. Since we are a group that has a strong foundation, things might not change too much. There is a little pressure for other schools to form their SAC, there is money involved so that is the pressure. There was a lot of discussion with the rural areas because it is harder for them. We have to make sure that we discuss what we will use the money from. The money is to be spent on student achievement. We talked about a parent workshop, or invite someone in to talk to our students that would help our students. We also talked about mindfulness workshop for the parents and to use the money for babysitting. The money should be used in a way that other funding isn't used for.
 - Communication is a focus. How should the communication go? From Elwin to the chair, or flow through the principal. When feedback is asked for, that we make sure that when the feedback is received that there is information back to the participants to share the results.
 - The take away was positive, and it seems like that the people at the EECD and the board were listening and ready to talk.

- Every SAC in the province received the same message. And everyone in the province need to have the same structure. Minimum requirement still exists.
- The letter of agreement is now called something else.
- Extra-curricular activities will not need a staff member present if there are people in the community who have the expertise and have the criminal/vulnerable children checks.
- We have copies of all the handouts from the meeting. Members are encouraged to email Emily if they would like more information sent to them.
- It suggests that the meetings should be 90 minutes, but since we can have more than the minimum amount of meetings it should be ok that we have meetings that are 60 minutes.

School Life

What's happening at SJAM?

- Painting Project Update: Emily met with on group of people, and thinks that we should meet with another group and then form a committee to make the best decision for our school. (Andrea Puszkas, Heather Darwish, Katie Mott, Emily Falencki and maybe others –expressions of interest) Katie Mott had a walking tour of Mulgrave Park to look at the murals around there. Have discussion with teacher to figure out the logistics to have 30 kids in the breezeway doing art. Alumni (facebook group?) might like to weigh in on the ideas for art.
- Lunch at SJAM- we have over 220 students in the building for the lunch hour. Anyone not in daycare stays for lunch. We would like to shorten lunch by another 10 minutes starting in the fall. It would also better align with the pre primary day.
 - Set up takes about 10 minutes and three classes are responsible for set up
 - 20 tables with chairs
 - SAC members wondered instead of ending the day early, maybe we can start later?

Natalie will look into if this is an option

- Grade Six assessment results (see above)

Round Table

- SchoolsPlus Parent Group: Administration met with the schoolsplus outreach worker and the school social worker. We want to figure out a way to bring more members of our community to our school and talk with other parents. Once these parents become more comfortable we will find topics that interest the parents and have more ways to support the families and the students.
 - We would like to provide them with coffee and snacks that we would like to pay for with the SAC funds.

Check Out

One thing you hope to talk about at the next meeting | An item or discussion that was of particular interest at the meeting | One thing you learned or are thinking about as you leave the meeting | action plan