



## **SJAM SAC Agenda**

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 2020

5:30-6:30, Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Next Meeting:**

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### **Welcome & Check In & Call to Order**

- Introductions (speaking order in chat) – your name & connection to SJAM
- How are you? What's on your mind as you come to this meeting?

### **Approval of the Minutes & Agenda**

#### **SJAM 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

#### **School Life - New Business**

- What's happening at SJAM?
  - Student Achievement & Well-Being
  - Pandemic planning (Plan A, B, C)
  - Plan for Reconstruction & Relocation
  - Creation of SJAM Community Steering Committee

#### **Did You Know?**

The EECD has a website for SACs,  
<http://www.ednet.ns.ca/SAC>

All communications to SAC Chairs and documents to support SACs can be found at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca) - look for the purple button on the left hand side of the main page.

#### **Round Table – Your Input**

- **SJAM School Life: Achievement & Well-Being**
  - We had our first term report cards sent home electronically & virtual parent-teacher conferences. Teachers were very happy to connect with families, some for the first time - either virtually or on the phone. Teacher evaluations are ongoing, and admin are in classes as much as possible supporting teacher practice and student success.
  - Our focus as a school during a time of great disconnection and stress due to Covid is to focus on the positive and making time and space to connect as a community as much as possible. For example, we are working on a virtual

holiday presentation with the theme of kindness, giving & community for families. It will include a tour of the building as well, narrated by grade six leaders. Some acts of kindness taking place include our HSA purchasing an SJAM t-shirt for all students (going home this week), and the school serving up pancakes during a school-wide PJ day for all staff and students on Dec 18th.

- In staffing news, Natasha Nurse-Jones' medical leave has been extended indefinitely. We are waiting to hear confirmation on a potential return date. In the meantime, Amy continues to be Acting P & Kim Acting VP. Mrs. Dewar is retiring after 17 years at SJAM. She will be greatly missed. We have hired Sandy Harrison, who worked as an admin assistant for years at St. Pat's A and St. Agnes. She is thrilled to be joining our SJAM family.
  
- **Pandemic Planning:** our staff has been working hard to prepare for Scenario 2 (blended learning) or Scenario 3 (at-home learning). This requires being prepared both in the classroom and school, in terms of the use of physical space, as well as being prepared online. All classes have been set up with either Seesaw (grades primary to two) or Google Classroom (3-6) and are practicing using these at school. Families without internet connection or devices are being supported by the province with what they need should we move to Scenario 3. If our school was closed due to a positive Covid case, anyone directed to stay home and quarantine will be provided with learning plans and resources by their classroom teacher. Our staff has already put together learning plans for all grade levels should this be the case. Any comments or questions?
  
- **School Rebuild & Relocation Process:**
  - It is now official that HRCE will be relocating us to the old Beaufort/LeMarchant school site for two years following June 2021. It has sufficient space for us, and we can make it ours for two years and stay together. A steering committee is developing (with interest from parents, staff and community members) who will be focused on working with the Province on the construction phase. Separately, two sub groups will be focused respectively on saying goodbye to the current building (a "memory" committee that will figure out how to provide the opportunity for the community to honour the building in a Covid-friendly way) and the other with a focus on transitioning to the new site (considering issues such as building relationship with the host community, busing and food security). In the new year, there will be a calendar of monthly meetings and milestones for each committee. Amy is collecting names and contact info of everyone stepping forward with interest in one of these three groups, and will be communicating early in the new year to each.

**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