



SJAM SAC Agenda

Tuesday, January 19th, 2021

5:30-6:30, Virtual Zoom Meeting

Next Meeting: March 3, 5:30pm

Welcome & Check In & Call to Order

- Introductions
- How are you? What's on your mind as you come to this meeting?
- Members were anxious to get into conversation about the new school construction (see minutes below).

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?
 - Professional Learning Week: Amy shared that the staff really benefited from the professional learning week coordinated by the EECD & Regional Centres Jan 4-8 with a focus on the Inclusive Ed Policy & Anti-Racism.
 - Official communication from HRCE re: New School Construction The SAC reviewed the latest draft of a letter to serve as official notification from HRCE (RED Elwin LeRoux) to the SJAM community that we will be receiving a replacement school. The timeline is 2021-2023, with demolition of the current site taking place July 2020 and the school community relocating to the Beaufort site at the corner of Walnut & Watt streets in the south end for two school years, returning to the newly constructed school in Sept 2023. Members made some suggestions to make the letter as clear as possible to the community, specifically in regard to transportation and bussing. Amy sent suggestions for editing to her supervisor and these suggestions were reflected in the final version of the letter which was set to go out to families electronically on January

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 - look for the purple button on the left hand side of the main page.

20, 2021. Amy to follow up with all families via SwiftReach, and at SAC & HSA meetings, to ask for questions or concerns.

- Creation of School Steering Committee Amy explained that the school steering committee will be coordinated by a HRCE facilitator, with a focus on the design of the new school. This committee would have approximately 10 participants comprised of SAC members, parents, staff, Stantec (architectural firm), and TIR (the Dept of Transportation, Infrastructure & Renewal).
- Creation of subgroups to focus on relocation/transition process, and honouring existing school site. The other two subgroups required to form to support a positive relocation to Beaufort, as well as celebrate the current building, are a Transition Team and a “Farewell to SJAM 2021” team. Amy has gathered names of interested parents/guardians and staff and will be meeting with both subgroups starting in February.

Round Table – Your Input

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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 steps