**SAC Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting #3 for 2023-34 School Year**

**February 26th, 2024**

Present: Christopher Dawson, Courtney Gouthro, Bridget Graham, Heidi Sayle, Shannon Cox, Shannon McLeod, Beryl Scott Dominix

Regrets: Tom Cleary, Shannon Christie, Heather Whynot

**Welcome/Introductions**

* **Meeting was called to order at 6:30**
* **Minutes were approved**

**Principal’s Report**

**Chris provided an update on some of the events that have taken place since the last meeting:**

* Primary teachers were invited to participate in observation of the Pre-Primary classrooms in preparation for next year
* Family Bingo night was held on February 6th and was enjoyed by all in attendance
  + CPA Leadership students also volunteered at the event
* Students participated in an African Dance and Drumming Presentation (Grades P-2), and African Story Telling Presentation (Grades 3-5) February 15th-16th
  + It was determined that the quality of presentations did not quite align with the overall cost
  + Plan to speak to the parent community next year for presentation and/or speaker recommendations
* Future events include:
  + Family Reading Day March 1st
  + Ramadan Assembly March 19th
  + Schoolwide Food Drive March 20th-27th
  + Mad Science Presentations March 22nd
  + Activity-a-thon in May (date TBD)
  + Family Dance May 9th
  + Cultural Event in June (date TBD)
  + Grade 5 Social June 9th
* **Discussion**: The group discussed increasing enrolment numbers, and concerns over the impact this could have for the school. It was decided to speak about this again at a future meeting.

**Student Success Report**

Literacy Update

* January 31st all CBAS entries were completed
  + All Grade 2 students participating in Reading Recovery met their reading/writing benchmarks
  + There has been a decline in the use of dictated texts
  + Teachers continue to use UFLI and collaborate through PLC meetings, having the opportunity to discuss its successes/challenges
  + Both resource teachers are currently on leave, and the school is currently without a psychologist

**SAC Funding**

Staff were asked to identify needs and wants for the classroom that may be purchased for the school out of SAC funds.

* Ideas included magnetic letters, chapter books, bean bag chairs, and the creation of a sensory room
* **Action Item:** A follow-up request for ideas and suggestions will be sent to staff, so that decisions and approvals can be made at the next SAC meeting.

**New Business**

Tom and Chris wish to place an increased focus on bringing the community back together at the school.

* Suggestion to wait until the fall to host June’s cultural event due to Bedford Days and many community members already being involved in the festivities
* Event might be met with greater success in the fall during the beginning of a new academic year

Innovation Fund

* The application process is now open for the SAC Innovation Fund
* Grants up to $10k are available in support of innovative projects aimed at student achievement and well-being
* **Action Item: Letter will be provided to all members of the SAC.**
* Applications are due April 18th
* **Action Item: Chris, Bridget, & Courtney will work on application.**
* The idea of a sensory room was discussed, as well as improvements to the school library
* Lots of discussion around continuing to create a community space within the library through the use of new furniture and shelving, as this project has already been started and it would be a wonderful opportunity to build upon it

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.