

SAC December Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Tracy, Maria, Christine, Marcel, Carine, Shannon

Regrets: Ardath

December 3, 2024

Principal's Report: New community member – Marcel, who is Christine's dad. Maria had two ppl volunteer to join as community members – Diane and Kelly. Jonathan is stepping off of SAC.

Staffing update: 369 students including PP. Lots coming and going. No major staffing changes. Stephanie Lent remaining in Gr ½ class. Where she is now in a teaching role, the school is down a support person, and have been told to "be creative to find a solution" to this shortage. Have an English resource teacher who is able to go into these roles.

Parent Teacher meetings this Thursday – afternoon and evening. Report cards and adaptations went out last Friday.

Holiday concert: Dec 12th. PP will join for the afternoon performance. Same process for tickets, 2 per performance. 6:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

School lunches: very mixed bag of reviews and feedback – lots of food & plastic waste, quality of the food is not great, inconsistent portions and serving style/ingredients. Takes multiple people at the school up to two hours to collect and distribute the food. Timing of food arrival is not consistent (early or late). Kids shouldn't take the food home to eat it later, as it is unrefrigerated. Some teachers are sending food home to show the parents how much the kids did / did not eat, quality etc. Major issues with shortage of food that was ordered is not what is provided – sometimes 20-40 meals per day short, which means the school needs to supplement and provide meals for these children. Tracy calls the coordinator / program manager each day to provide feedback.

Social media: lot of challenges with school social media – comments, stories and rumours, how transparent you can / cannot be as an educator and administrator. There aren't clearly defined rules around school social media pages. Ardath wants to start new school Facebook page, setting rules of engagement and posts, values, info we can share and cannot share. Maybe a new parent could lead this? For further discussion.

New School Site: there is lots of chatter in the community around about the new school site. Ardath wants to set up a steering committee outside of SAC. The school has no information on the school site or site selection process as of yet.

New Business: defer to next meeting due to timing.

Requests from teachers for spending: flexible seating options, standing desks, kinder-bar, books, reached out to Ms. Burton for new instruments, social / emotional learning program / platform they want, laminating / button making.

Adjourned.

Jan 20th for next meeting.