

October SAC Meeting Minutes

In-person/via Teams: Tracey, Maria, Patty, Kim, Ardath, Shannon.

Regrets: Jonathan, Al, Corinne, Emily

General comments: Currently have 3 parents, 3 staff, and 3 community members (2 community members will be leaving, and will be recruiting for new members). Facebook page “JWMFT Events and Info” – current admin no longer has any children at the school. Looking for info if a non-parent can act as admin. Want to include in Nov newsletter around HSA / PTA, and if parents want to volunteer or join, what the details are and how to do this etc. General discussion on SAC ToR and Bylaws.

Action: Maria is going to look into if we can add a 4th Parent Rep member.

SAC Membership: Christine will replace Emily, Corinne will continue on, Kim, Al, Jonathan (TBD) if they are leaving or staying.

Staffing and enrollment: 368 students, with two new students who registered for Eng will total 370. PP – 31, P – 55, Gr 1 – 58, Gr 2 – 84, Gr 3 – 72, Gr 4 – 68. Staffing – have one unfilled Gr ½ classroom. Difficult to find French teachers currently, other schools currently looking. Pulled Reading Recovery FI instructor to fill in for this role. Tracey is working with the Board on seeking further support and resources to come in and fill in this gap, and extra intervention which is currently missing due to the replacement. Just met new ANS support worker, hopefully here for the year, she is from North Preston area. She will be at school T & Wedn.

School lunch program: lots of feedback, encourages parents to continue to send feedback directly to the School Lunches program.

School Success Program: literacy achievement, focus on ANS, Indigenous/Mi'kmaw. Improve student wellbeing, math and literacy. Lots of data is used, teacher conversations and observations, classroom assessments, student surveys, provincial assessment data. Teachers fill out monthly data cards (green, yellow, red). From that data, student success planning they choose a few things to focus on – coming back after 6 weeks and reviewing what impacts have come, seeing if further refinements are needed. Four blocks – evidence, picking strategies, specific steps and actions, result and impact. Math is an area needing focus. Total of 63 kids (from gr 3 last year), 41 were meeting, 22 not meeting. Literacy is an area of focus, coupled with reading. Literacy: 21/28 were meeting, writing 13/28 were meeting.

Holiday concert date: date is Dec 12, will be slightly different this year. Will also have a Spring musical – Apr 24th.

Bell schedule: new schedule seems to be working, buses have stabilized, will shift to Colindale beside tennis courts, signage is already installed.

New School News: no details on this, school administration found out when the general public did. More info to come.

SAC Grant: \$4-500 left in the account, gets renewed in Nov, when \$5000 gets added. Have ordered iPads for the classes (ordered with funds from last year). Need to discuss what we want to spend on it. Student support: \$2000 (Kim will update). Healthy School \$474 (gets renewed in Nov). HSA - \$16,500. Have two scholarships for JLI. Also have small grants for teachers \$200/ea, for various expenses and purchases.

Action: Tracey will bring list of ideas from teachers to the next meeting, Maria will sort these into themes/ categories.

Other business: GAGA ball pits are all good. Outdoor garbage cans are being cleaned and emptied daily. Portables are staying until whenever, they are empty – no communication, they will stay until they are needed elsewhere.

Remaining meeting dates: Dec 3rd, Jan 20, Feb 18, Apr 21, June 16