

Feb. 27th, 2024 -Meeting Minutes

- Review Jan 2024 Meeting Minutes
- Principals Report
- SSP
- Other Business
- Motion to adjourn

Discussion Items	Minutes
<p><i>Membership 2023-24</i> The Advisory Council shall include the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the principal, who is a non-voting member • three parents/guardians • two teachers • one member of the school's support staff • three community members 	<p><i>Members:</i> <i>Tina Waterhouse-Campbell- Principal</i> <i>Nick MacDonald- Vice Principal</i> <i>Dawn Jenkins- Community member (Chair)</i> <i>Heather Sullivan- teacher</i></p> <p><i>Regrets:</i> <i>Parent: Alice Miller</i> <i>Community member: Naomi Starratt</i> <i>Parent: Ashley Dando</i> <i>Colin Lewis- Parent</i> <i>Kehinde Akintola- Parent</i> <i>Folashade Akintola- Parent</i></p> <p>Community member: vacant</p>
<p><i>Call to order</i></p>	<p><i>6: 10 pm call the meeting to order</i></p>
<p><i>Approval of the agenda</i></p>	<p><i>Agenda - Dawn Jenkins</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review January Meeting Minutes ● Principals Report ● SSP ● Membership (Diversity representing our students) ● Spending ● Other Business ● Motion to adjourn

<p>Approval of Jan. 2023 meeting minutes.</p>	<p>Approved: Heather Sullivan</p>
<p>Principals Report and Student Success Planning</p>	<p><i>School Summary</i></p> <p><i>PALS - play activity leaders in Schools</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are well into the PALS program. ● We were offering activities to upper and lower elementary, the focus is now on lower elementary. 3-4 students are organized each day. ● Ms. Sullivan would like to have a PAL invite some of her students personally to increase engagement, we are going to try it. ● The plan is to bring the PALS team to the lower elementary classes to pump up the activities. <p><i>African Heritage Month</i></p> <p><i>Honoring Our History and Culture</i></p> <p><i>This year's provincial theme, "Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience as African Nova Scotians," encapsulates the enduring spirit and resilience demonstrated by people of African descent throughout the centuries in our province.</i></p> <p><i>We have a career /volunteer work Hall of Fame of people in our community and greater Halifax. We had:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tia Upshaw- the CEO of Black Women in Excellence (upper elementary) She started her own cleaning business and sold it for an excellent profit, now she has many other businesses and helps young people starting out in business to get set up. ● Twila Grosse- Honourable Twila Grosse was first African Nova Scotian and woman elected to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly as MLA for Preston. ● Shade Akintola- Nurse and trained as a lawyer, talked about her work as a nurse, her career history, her family and her life in Nigeria. ● Kehinde Akintola- talked about his job as a Sheriff working for the department of Justice, his training as a lawyer, his family and his connection to the theme for this month. (Our smiles, our joy, our resilience) ● Owen Lee- Local professional musician, talked about his work with the Masstown choir, the process of writing and producing music,

playing keyboards with Classified and his passion as a performer. He is the proud father of 5.

- *Anthony Brown- talked about his career in corrections, his life in Jamaica, Quebec. His passion for sports football, and basketball. He shared awards, a football helmet, medals, family photos from Jamaica. He talked about his passion working in the community and giving back, he coaches the junior NBA for the Cole Harbour Rockets. Two of our students play for him and were proud to get their picture taken with him.*
- *Micha Brown- retired professional Football player, he played in Europe, US and Canada. Shared stories, inspirational messages, two championship rings, and played outside at lunch with some students.*

SSP- focus on students of African Canadian and Indigenous descent to improve in all areas, Math, Literacy, and Well Being

Math

*We currently have a Math coach **Dwayne Slobodnick** in to work with grade 2 teachers on differentiating instruction. He will be working with upper elementary teachers next week and will coach the new 4-5 and 5-6 Math teacher who will be starting soon. He guided us to another helpful document to simplify the concepts students should have in fact fluency and will be sharing it with staff as it is more user friendly for formative assessment.*

Literacy

We worked with Lit. Coach Jennifer Peck in the grade 2 classes with a focus on Guided reading. Also, Jenn discovered ways to help teachers further

We are pivoting our intervention model where resource is going to be doing more intensive daily intervention for a cycle, until the end of March.

She is also moving into a co-teaching model in two classrooms. Where the instruction and planning is done together for a more cohesive model of intervention.

Social Emotional

- *We did a well-being survey. Grades 3-6 students completed it. We looked at the summary data at our last staff meeting.*
- *Stand outs- all but a couple of students said they had at least one adult that they could talk to.*
- *Students felt the safest in the classroom.*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Many students said unkind words is the thing that is the most troubling thing for them.</i> ● <i>Big actions- classroom conversations about what it means to be rude or mean.</i> ● <i>Work with individual students who identified themselves as not having an adult in the building they could go to.</i>
<p><i>Finance</i> <i>SAC Grant: Ideas must be aligned with SSP goals</i></p>	<p>>Waiting for 15 Chrome books</p>
<p><i>Policy Input</i></p>	<p><i>n/a</i></p>
<p><i>Other</i></p>	<p><i>Membership- we have noted that not all voices are being represented at the SAC, we need members to represent the African Nova Scotia and First Nations communities. Ms. Waterhouse will be connecting directly with families to allow all voices to be represented and heard. The Akintola family has agreed to join and will take turns attending.</i></p>
<p><i>Adjournment</i></p>	<p><i>6:59</i></p>
<p><i>Upcoming Meetings</i></p>	<div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 10px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Tuesday April 30th 6pm</i> ● <i>Tuesday June 11th 6pm</i> </div>