



School Advisory Council

April 20, 2023

Present: Stephen Driscoll, Natalie Nymark, Darlene Symonds, Angela Akpan, Jillian Langille, Angela Briand

Regrets: John Symonds

Agenda

1. P-2 literacy support – 50% staffing support allocation, Kathryn Arseneau came out of 50% classroom and now does this 50% support position, mostly full class support, or small groups. Early intervention is key for this age range, and now they are already getting support and making strides in their reading levels, hitting year end benchmarks now in April. The support is greatly appreciated by classroom teachers. Hoping that it will become a permanent position; it is currently a pilot. Early intervention makes a significant difference in helping younger students be successful so that more intensive support is not required as they get older.
- ~~2. Contingency plan in case of CUPE strike~~
3. Enrolment and staffing numbers for next year – currently at 398, down about 40, only 12 in pre-primary right now - 190 French 210 English includes pre-primary. Pre-primary registrations are likely to increase over the summer. Currently anticipating the same number of homerooms as we have in the current year. Out of area isn't decided until June. Staffing allocations will be out May 5th, May 10th is the first round for job postings
4. Purchasing school supplies for next year – include the purchased items again, investigate including the white board markers and white boards for next year.
5. Door safety concerns – Key pass at the playground door suggested
6. Bike rack – can it be moved to the front door area to remove it from the playground area
7. Playground update – anticipated to be installed in the summer or the fall - HRM
8. Outdoor supervision – beginning April 11th students are staying outside in the morning until 7:55. Parent feedback is that it is nice to see the children outside playing again in the morning, the students still use their assigned doors, parents are still getting used to the change. Seems like the students are able to play outside and then settle into the classroom quicker than expected. Plan in September until Remembrance day and then go in for the winter and then back out after Easter. Teachers have a schedule for morning duty.
9. Retaining records of the SAC - reviewed
10. Review of the SAC Bylaws - reviewed
11. Speech pathology focused learning starting in September

Next meeting: May 16, 2023