**SAC Minutes January 17, 2022**

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| **In attendance** | * Kellie West - Principal
* Diana Trider - Vice Principal
* Cory Mooney - Parent / Chair
* Theresa Glasgow - Staff Member/Secretary
* Nicole LeGrow - Staff Member
* Sarah Silver - Parent Member
* Pat Healey - Community Member
* Donna Brimicombe - Community Member -Regrets
* Pam Stewart - Parent Member - Regrets
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| **Call to order** | 6:33pm |
| **Approval of /Adjustments to the agenda** | *Approved/No Adjustments* |
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| **School Success Plan Update** | * **P-2 Reading Priority**

Reading priority is Primary, Grade 1s and 2s. A data wall is being used to track progress/growth of individual students. All showing growth. Whereas not all students are meeting grade level outcomes, all are making progress. For those students not meeting the outcomes, Reading Recovery and Resource support are being supplied. Strategies supporting students’ progress with reading include additional Tier 1 support from teachers (any extra teacher prep time is used to support classes/groups throughout the school), small group Specialist support and opportunities for older students to read with younger students. * **Grade 5 Math Pilot**

Holland Road Elementary was asked to participate in a Math Pilot Program. The focus of the pilot is to deepen the understanding of, and ability to generalize, whole number computation, mental math and use of multiplication strategies to higher level thinking. 3 PD sessions are scheduled for Grade 5 teachers; the first will be December 3rd. Each school in the pilot received a math kit “Box of Facts”, manipulatives and 2 teaching resources supporting the teaching of fundamentals. Math running records will be used to track progression. The pilot is a result of data showing that Grade 8 students had difficulty with basic facts and algebraic operations. The expectation is that there will be a roll out to all schools next year. |
| **Old Business** | * **Whiteboards for outdoor classrooms**

The need for outdoor whiteboards has not been identified as a priority this year. Staff are lookingat alternatives to support students and classrooms. Discussed subdividing a large whiteboard sheet into individual, durable whiteboards for each student The boards could be easily carried to different locations. A larger whiteboard could be easily mounted outside. Also, suggested was the outside use of windows with the blinds drawn.  |
| **New Business** | * **SAC Grant 2021 - 22**

All purchases go to SSP to benefit learning.The money from last year was used to: * Provide subs for teachers for program planning.
* Purchase of mobile white boards
* Purchase of Wobble Stools (flexible seating) Wobble Stools range from $80 to $100, depending on where they are bought.

The use of the remaining money will be brought to staff for further discussion. Possible ideas:* Point to View Cameras.
* LCD replacements. There are 2 in the Pre-Primary classrooms that can be moved but money is needed to do so. A new LCD is approximately $1000; bulbs are not able to be replaced. Kellie West will discuss this further with the school technician.
* Chromebooks
* Ipads
* Teacher subs for PLCs
* Portable whiteboards (see above discussion)

Kellie West will look into costs and bring the information to the next meeting.* **On-Line Learning**

Opinions expressed by parents suggest that on-line learning went well; communication from school administration was excellent and the plan was clear. Much learning took place with regard to technology (Flipgrid, Slides, Jamboards). Chromebooks were handed out to students and families, Students easily transitioned back to classroom routines. They were very happy to see their peers and to engage in direct play with friends. It was acknowledged that on-line learning does not work for all students. After looking at the data, it was noted that less than 5 students did not log in for on-line learning. * **COVID Protocols**

Administration sent home communications to ensure school staff and school families were on the same page. Protocols were similar to on-line learning from last year and closely monitored. The school was routinely sanitized via layers of support:* Following Department of Health/Dr. Strang recommendations
* Mask wearing
* Staying home if not well
* Regular disinfecting of classrooms and hallways
* Rescheduling of recess and lunch times so individual classes would not to cross paths
* Limiting movement in classrooms/hallways
* Entrance and exit doors assigned
* Unloading busses 1 at a time in morning and at dismissal to accommodate distancing
* Classes take turns when entering/exiting the building
* Only 2 classes outside at recess/lunch at one time
* Individual classes are allowed to share materials as long as hands are sanitized before and after use (Music, P.E.)
* Librarian visiting classes to read, students not going to the library to exchange books
* Adjustments made as needed,

. * **School Activities**
* Parent-Teacher meetings took place on-line or by phone.
* Music teacher did a virtual assembly with slides and video for the Holiday Showcase. Ms. Ripley is now preparing one for February with the assistance of staff.
* The food drive was successful, the school was able to supply food to feed upward of 100 families,
* Theme days were held in December.
* Santa did a walk-about outside of the building on the last day of school
* Grinch stole the decorated tree from the playground. Teachers use the event to support a writing exercise to convince the Grinch to return the tree. Each class, including the Pre-Primaries, participated.
* Nicoline Hussey, our new Guidance Counselor started work on January 4th by visiting the virtual classrooms.
* **PTA Update**
* There will be a PTA meeting next Monday; those interested may join.
* Jamie Brimicombe, who organized the 2020-21 Yearbook, will start working on the 2021-22 Yearbook in January.
* Clothing orders for grade 5 students’ T-shirts are free; students can upgrade to a sweater.
* PTA organized Veggie Boxes again this year; the money will be used for the school’s Breakfast Program. The school received 10 dollars for every box sold.
* Apples supplied for the Breakfast Program
* Each classroom teacher received $200 per class with $100 to each Learning Centre
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| **Next Meeting** | February 28, 2022 - 6:30 |
| **Adjournment** | 7:45 pm |