

Westmount Elementary Advisory Council

## MEETING AGENDA

Date: October 30, 2023 7:00pm

In attendance: Teri Colter, Greg White, Annie Miller, Joan Malay, Megan Gray, Nadine Smillie, Andrew Hare, Suad Meftah, Runa Seal

Regrets:

Call to order: 7:01pm

Approval of agenda: Megan, Nadine

Approval of past meeting minutes: Nadine, Runa

Old Business:

- Letter to councilor Shawn Cleary and others regarding the Traffic Construction and Changes on Almon Street (Joan Malay) was submitted.

New business:

- Role of SAC-focus is to support student academic achievement and well-being through reviewing and advising on policies, Student Success Plan and ongoing initiatives in the school. Agreement and Bylaws to be reviewed throughout the year for June 2024 update.
- Registration and Demographics Update-first year for online information updates including media release and early closure information
- Demographics-About 376 students PP-6, 3 LCs, 15 classrooms, 21 EPAs, 34 different languages-most spoken languages are English (50%), Arabic (11%), Hindi, Korean, Persian highest numbers, Self-identification can be limited by options,
- Events-Culture and Climate Committee created to focus on building school community through events and cultural connections (monthly themes i.e. October-friendship and Mi'Kmaq History Month), assemblies, presentations and anything else to support this work

Student Success Planning:

**Literacy Goal:** We will improve achievement in literacy for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry

**Math Goal:** We will improve achievement in mathematics for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

**Well-Being Goal:** We will improve well-being at our school for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

- Goals are the same for every school in HRCE. Steps and strategies in working towards the goals are based on school specific data and information.
- Short cycle planning
- Reading priority with additional PD on phonics and phonological awareness as part of balanced literacy.
- P-6 fact fluency-30 minutes daily focused on building fluency with operations meaning accuracy, flexibility with strategies and efficiency; for younger grades focus on number number routines and counting.
- P-6 Caring School Communities, building relationships with students and staff, focusing on student belonging and connectedness. The School Climate and Culture Committee was created to support this work.

Next meeting: November 27, 2023

Adjournment: 7:58pm