

Westmount Elementary Advisory Council

MEETING AGENDA

Date: February 26, 2024 at 7:00pm

In attendance: Teri Colter, Greg White, , Joan Malay, Megan Gray, , Suad Meftah, Runa Seal, Andrew Hare, Eric Thomson

Regrets: Annie Miller, Nadine Smillie

Call to order: 7:10pm

Approval of agenda: Megan, Andrew

Approval of past meeting minutes: Did not confirm approval of past minutes

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.

Old Business (Business arising from past meeting)

Continuation of discussion regarding ways to build community. November meeting suggestions included bringing local authors to the school to present, bring in local/former Westmount employees, cultural fair.

- Discussions centered around celebrating the cultural and linguistic diversity of Westmount through cultural performances, displays, food. EAL teachers are interested in developing this idea during April and May. This would take place during the school day. No evening events possible due to HRM booking deadlines, but we will determine a date for 2024-2025 to continue to develop ideas.
- We have ordered flags for display to represent heritage of our students. This was based on a suggestion shared by students through our Micro-Survey.
- Discussed ways to connect flags with learning about geographical location and other relevant information. Possible mural or display related to this. Admin has contacted the Fine Arts Specialist for the Citadel Family of Schools
- Action items: discuss cultural performances with EAL teachers. Follow-up with Fine Arts Specialist, determine flag display location once order is filled.

New business:

- SAC budget request-carry over item as not discussed
- School events and updates- carry over item as not discussed
- Grades 3-6 Micro-survey summary-reviewed summary and graphs of Grade 3-6 Micro-survey. We are wondering if students understand the statement, “My teacher(s) know what my life is like outside of school”. This is an exact question that was asked on the HRCE survey. Results were similar. The Micro-survey asked some additional questions about whether they want teachers to know about their life outside of school, and if so, what they want their teachers to know. No action items resulted.
- EDI (Early Development Instrument) Survey- carry over item as not discussed
- Other-Old Business will also include the wording, “business arising from the last meeting”. This will allow anything from a past meeting to be revisited. Action items from past meetings or carryover items will also appear under Old Business.

WSA Update: no update shared.

Next meeting: March 25, 2024, at 7:00pm

Adjournment: 8:19pm