

Westmount Elementary Advisory Council

MEETING AGENDA

Date: April 29, 2024 at 7:00pm

In attendance: Teri Colter, Greg White, Joan Malay, Eric Thomson, Runa Seal, Nadine Smillie.

Regrets: Andrew Hare, Annie Miller, Suad Meftah, Megan Gray

Call to order- Runa, Nadine

Approval of agenda: Agreed by all in attendance to have an informal discussion with current agenda.

Approval of past meeting 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 the last meeting)

-Nothing to review from last meeting

New business:

- School events and updates
 - School Climate and Culture Update (Greg). Reviewed school-wide events over March and April with regards to Assemblies and Monthly themes.
 - Discussed a focus on Poetry for the month of April/May. Teachers were developing creative ways to increase student engagement in Poetry.
- Update on Construction around the community (Eric)- Almon/Connaught intersection complete. Concerns with potentially more changes that may impact the Westmount community in the near future. Eric will provide an update on the next meeting.
- Student Success Survey overview- Student Success Survey:
The Student Success Survey is a provincial survey put out by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. All public schools in Nova Scotia are asked to give the

survey to their students in Grades 4-12. The province values student voice in knowing how students are doing and questions related to their identity is an important part of helping students feel respected and valued in schools.

- Grade 3 Provincial Assessments overview
 - Our Grade 3 students will be writing their provincial assessments on May 14-15 and May 22-23. Our staff have been collaborating to help prepare our students leading up to the assessment dates.
- ThoughtExchange regarding cell phone use in schools
<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/158832747>
- We discussed that Cell Phone use at Westmount has not been a problem as there has been minimal use from our students. Students who use phones are using them for educational purposes (Google Translate). We will continue to monitor this as a staff to sure this does not become a problem during instructional time in the future.

WSA Update:

Next meeting: May 27, 2024 7pm

Adjournment: