

## West Bedford High School SAC

Meeting date. April 11th, 2024.

Approval of minutes from February 8th, 2024.

In attendance:

- Principal Sean MacDonald
- Vice Principal Alison Walker
- Sara McManus
- Keith DeMone
- Glenda Cush
- Nkem Emezie-Ejinima
- Tricia Schmeisser
- Connor Amero
- Sarah Jeans
- Vanessa Turner
- Tina Parker

### New business

- SAC Money update. Not all clubs have spent their allocated money with near \$1000 being spent to date. It was discussed that the remaining money be spent on a mural painted by a local Mi'kmaw artist. A possible first location of several planned murals to be painted around the school is the cafeteria. The preliminary quote is \$5000 but Sean will firm up plans and price.
- School nutrition policy feedback: survey results: (Province to implement program next year)
  1. Affordable access.
  2. Capacity schools for food delivery.
  3. Increase community involvement.
- Innovation Fund: Application was due April 18th with not enough time to submit, so it will have to wait until next year.
- Transportation: Issues around the bus loop, sidewalks along Larry Uteck, the parking lot, etc. Expansion of the bus loop will happen this summer with hopes of it alleviating some of the issues.
- Security cameras: Additional cameras are needed and not in this year's budget but pursuit of more is ongoing.
- School mascot: It was determined the turquoise colour was too close to CPA colours so it was unanimously agreed by students and the SAC that Forest Green is a great colour to decide on. Also, a new Logo design is a popular favorite with both students and the SAC.
- SAC Conference is September 27th, 2024.
- The Learning Centre catering project will present food for the SAC final meeting.
- Principal Report:
  1. Sports Running - Badminton. Track and field in softball Next
  2. TA groups planning service projects for PBL 10
  3. Both basketball teams went to provincials
  4. All grade nine students were involved in a French language national competition where students could vote on the best French language song. Aligned with March Madness - called Melon Musicale - over 35 countries participated.

5. Over halfway mark for football fund raising.
  6. 4th fire drilled dated April 12
  7. 2/3 of students made the honors list and above.
  8. Healthy number of students for Grade 10 next year is over 250
  9. Course selection has been completed.
  10. Yearbook sales exceeded expectations with the goal of 100, but sold around 180
  11. Culture fair is coming.
  12. Rock Paper Scissors Championship took place by student council
  13. Minute to win it games - just prior to March break - student council expressed it was a great time and a positive experience for everyone involved.
- French immersion grade nines presented passion projects they did during ILT
  - Student Council elections happening for next year
  - Students from our school did sessions with elementary students on Ramadan
  - Lots of students using FLEX time to volunteer at PP – 8 for the breakfast program, reading, math, tutoring, etc. So wonderful to see the vision coming alive in the building.

### **New and notable**

1. Learning Centre Support teacher till the end of the year - Teresa Webb.

### **SSP**

1. Literacy goal: We will improve student achievement in literacy with a specific focus on our students of African and or magma slash Indigenous ancestry teachers collecting data.
2. Finished cycle 2 - Students were given their midterm exams essays back to rewrite. Interventions included direct instruction around annotation and learning from an exemplars of students writing. Students were assigned a writing partner. (peer editor) and coached on how to provide feedback. Teachers were able to observe students talking about their writing using a common vocabulary both in class and during FLEX time. Students rewrote their essays after receiving feedback from their writing partner and were scored using the same provincial rubric that was used for the midterm exam. Overall, essay scores rose just over 15% on the rewrite in organization of ideas but more important was the observable impact the exercise had on the students - specifically how they engage with their writing even outside of direct instructional time period.

Mathematical goals: We will improve student achievement in mathematics with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/ Indigenous ancestry.

- 6 cycles for math. Teachers collecting data – first round of short cycle plan planning submitted data wall. developed.
- Finished cycle 4, Now in cycle 5 - most of the same students still not above 65. Moving to reassessment opportunities to get some students above 65. Developed rubric to be able to assess students verbally/through conferencing small group or ever one on one situations. Thinking classroom occurring in many classrooms giving students opportunity to collaborate and discuss math solutions to problems they're given. New line

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. Two cycles to complete for the year.

- Cycle two. Focus groups with grade 10 around semester courses and learning guides and workload to improve for next year students. Grade 9 focus groups around student life and how it can be improved for incoming students etc.

**Next Meeting:** May 9, 2024, 6:00pm. Updated to May 16, 2024, 6:00 pm