

SAC Meeting Minutes March 19th, 2025

SAC funding update:

Resource teacher purchased almost \$900 worth of books. (came in 600 less than they thought).

Would like to update books for P-6. Teachers receive a limited amount of money for books and the ordering system can be unreliable.

Ensure books pass the bias evaluation. More culturally responsive books to be more inclusive of students.

Would like to use some SAC funds to purchase math manipulatives. (no final price yet). Learning resources for place value. Another is new currency and exchange to replace/update these. Also more base 10 blocks and for upper place value flip charts (from Grade 4-6) and individualized flip charts for number place work.

(Literacy books arrived)

*we do not need chromebooks at this time.

iPads could be useful for lower elementary students for support in math and literacy. Great apps to use. We have many Cosmos but not enough iPads for students to utilize them.

Having several iPads in each lower elementary would be the goal. Ms. Kelloway will check with the technology department if we can use something other than iPads for this purchase so we can get more tech for the money. Ms. Kelloway will come up with a budget for the next meeting. We will then discuss it again.

Ms. Kelloway asked for approval up to 500.00 for for math manipulatives. The group agreed.

The group agreed to \$500 for more books.

SAC asked if gym equipment requests came from the phys. Ed teacher and they have not. Are there more gym equipment requests asked for?

Ms. Kelloway will ask Ms. Mackenzie if there are any requests.

Ms. Kelloway mentioned the potential of building a gaga pit and gave a run down on what they are, where it would go, logistics about the location, safety etc.

SSP updates:

Goals and strategies will continue for the third term. Next meeting, we will have an update with data results to update SAC members.

Outside conditions:

Ms. Kelloway had students enter through specific doors at the beginning of year (2025) because of ice. HRCE/Operations tried but could not remove ice. She contacted 311 to come and help with ice removal which did not happen. Then the decision to use the front doors and staying inside during recess and lunch and due to safety.

Stairs in front of school:

Ms. Kelloway proposed possibly having a set of stairs that go from the top of the hill and down the stairs (directly out the front door of the school). Parents and children fall going up the hill in snow/ice conditions. We have to go through HRCE and HRM to ask for permission to have concrete steps installed. Asked SAC for thoughts and opinions:

SAC Members: concern about location of stairs. Ms. Kelloway said it would go closer to the bike racks.

SAC members: concern they wouldn't be used.

Ms. Kelloway said operations were here and marked potholes and the stairs on the side of the building.

Conversation around Crosswalk safety was had.

New Lunch clubs:

Yoga

Keyboards (piano)

Art club

DND club

Games club- pokemon and Disney (will have a game club group come in to get it set up

Knitting

Ms. Kelloway is working to organize a home alone and babysitter club through Safe Choice. St John Ambulance has also been contacted for the courses.

Upcoming Presenters/Assemblies

Inspiration Republic-next week antiblack racism/microaggressions taking place next week. Students will participate virtually. For P-6 students.

Stay Driven- important African Canadians. In person in April for all students. Two presentations.

QMac- All star, anti bullying. Will be here in May or June potentially depending on his schedule.

Arlie Walsh - is going to come in and work with students regarding the Land Acknowledgement and smudging. More information to follow when the weather is better.

Parent asked to think about Pow Wow in the school. Could be a set day. Naomi will look into the possibility of doing that next year.

Another parent also asked about the blanket activity. Naomi will look into doing this for the following year.

Math thoughts:

Ms. Kelloway confirmed that computational fluency is being implemented from P-6 and last year was 4-6. Also brought up that we will be revisiting these results throughout the school year.

PT Conferences:

April 3rd - booking online, 10 minute meetings. Teachers advised to book more time if some people need it.

My Caume:

He is still on leave from school. Will advise the school community of a return date when known.

School breakfast:

Could not use the gym as the truck bringing the tables was unable to deliver to the gym and unable to get the tables in. Breakfast was done in classrooms and students had positive responses to it.

Ms. Kelloway would like to do a pancake breakfast, fruit and yogurt where students sit with book buddies and would like to look into this further next year.

Ms. Lough was an excellent help in getting this breakfast executed.

Lockdown drill

Students did very well during the drill. We had our police liaison, Constable Draper in and a new officier with him for this drill.

Fire drill

Coming up in April.

Photomaster:

School photographer contract has been signed.

Fire Marshall

Will let us know when they will be here to do the inspection of the school.

Operations staff from HRCE came through the school and provided feedback.

Ms. Kelloway is waiting to hear a directive regarding wall plaques.