# Rockingstone School Advisory Council November 21,2023

School Advisory Council 6:00 pm VIA ZOOM

Minutes

**In attendance**: Amy Weedon, Kimberly Best-Janes, Karl Thomas, Julie Singer, Kendall Erickson, Nicole Obeng, Justine Alchorn, Caitlin Brooks, Eloghene Ugbawa, Bethany Smith, Amanda Marriott

**Regrets:**

* Call to order – Amy
* Seconded- Karl Thomas
* Financials -
* Administration Report
  1. Staffing – we are still short a 50% EPA (that position has been reposted). We have filled the school counsellor position for January. Her name is Lindsey MacDonald. She worked at JL High School so before fully staffed except for a school counsellor and a 50% EPA; additional allocation was given.
  2. Configuration- PP, PP, Primary, P-1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 6, 7, 7, 7/8, 8, and 8; purpose to create smaller classes
  3. Current enrolment – 366; anticipate this to increase
  4. Grade 6 students just completed their provincial assessments (math, reading, and writing)
  5. Provincial Code of Conduct - Equity Categories; addressing issues that are human rights (discrimination sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, and racial behaviour) all areas to work on.
  6. School rules and routines – lockers and cell phone use; all necessary material can be accessed through school technology so phones are not necessary. Students have been good with this change and are using lockers.
  7. Holiday/Christmas Concert; PP-6; two songs per group. Capacity is 750 so 2 guests per student. December 7th

Turkey Dinner. December14th. Turkey(halal) dinner and we eat together in the gym. Teachers cook the turkey. Based on volunteers and donations. RCR (restaurant) offered to donate and cook 12 turkeys. Traditional dinner and still looking for donations. Karl Thomas is offering to help organize kitchen at school! Planning and delivering of food is challenging….Karl and Bethany will connect.

* 1. Grade 7 Vaccination Clinic – October 30
  2. Stuff a bag; fundraiser held at school December 9th 10am-12pm…first time in four years. Schools plus providing hot chocolate and treats. Please reach out to any contacts who may have items to donate; to bring donated items to the office.
  3. PD/parent teacher interviews on Thursday, November 23.
  4. Financials; approximately $12000. Each teacher gets $100 for classroom. UFLI copies of lessons being requested but also books following the UFLI structure. Asking for funding to purchase these books. Cailtlyn Brooks supported this. Amy will break down costs/itemize for SAC. Money to be spent on literacy, numeracy and well being.
  5. School Photography Retakes (Nov 10)
  6. Grades P-3 annual apple picking field trip was on October 26.
  7. Grade 3 Provincial Assessment Results will be released to families this week and we will review them next meeting. Will talk more next time with strategies; reviewed overall achievement. However, writing and reading scores were low.

**Math** scores were good. 19 students write and 14 out of 19 were a level 3 or 4(at or above expectations) 5 students in level one (limited understanding)

**Reading**; 50% of students meet at expectations (72.4% for region)

**Writing**: weak overall; only 42 % meet expectations (43% at region

* 1. SSP – School Improvement we are beginning to develop strategies to support our goals and will be shared at the next meeting.

-Bethany Smith is a full time literacy coach at our school and working with teachers.

-focus on writing from the board; reading and writing needs to be partnered. RHS success plan is being implemented and revisited at team and staff meetings to see if we are supporting students. Focus is science of reading (phonics and phonic instruction); this is helping to attain goals; reading develops comprehension. Currently using UFLI and beginning to use with upper grades for identified students. We are responsive to our data and creating an equitable environment for all students.

**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.

**Mathematics 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.

* Next meeting dates: must meet 6 times per year. Proposed dates will be emailed tomorrow. We will remain with in person for now on Tuesdays. May look at online for the winter months. Proposing for January in person.
* 7:10 Adjournment: Amy Weedon

Seconded by Julie Singer