# Rockingstone School Advisory Council February 27, 2024

School Advisory Council 6:00 pm

Minutes

**In attendance**: Amy Weedon, Kimberly Best-Janes, Karl Thomas, Kendall Erickson, Caitlin Brooks, Eloghene Ugbawa (via ZOOM),

**Regrets:** Nicole Obeng, Juie Singer

* Call to order – Amy
* Seconded- Kendall Erickson
* Approve Minutes of both November and January

November – Karl Thomas

seconded

January – Caitlyn Brooks

seconded

* Financials – Do not have a current balance sheet.
* Re: A form that teachers would require to fill out response
* Deemed not necessary as every purchase should go through the principal; cannot have staff approving purchases without principal approval
* Ms. Weedon (principal) is considering doing a form for SAC
* Staff Team Building – Karl Thomas has offered to do team building/cooking exercises/activities with staff
* Salad Bar – a staff needs to be hired for a few hours per day; starting after March Break; logistical items still to be sorted ie. Hand washing, eating areas; food arrives prepped and baged with minimal prep with some foods
* Administration Report
  1. Staffing – no new staffing to share.
  2. Current enrolment – 371 (3 students have moved); registration for next year has begun (approximately 6 new students to date)
  3. Grade 6 Provincial Assessments

Sent to families individually; results still indicate there is room for improvement; 42% meet math levels; reading was

* **Math;**  41.9% students met expectations compared to 69.2% for the region. 31 students wrote and 13 out of 31 were a level 3 or 4 (at or above expectations) 5 students in level two (approaching expectations) and 13 were at level 1(limited understanding)
* **Reading**; 46.9% of students met expectations (73.2% for region); a lot of students learning the English language
* **Writing;** 36.7 % met expectations (59.6% at region); as a response to results spending more time with phonics programs/activities
* **Our response**: increasing word study and phonological awareness into the literacy time. Making sure that the writing and reading lessons are related to each other.

1. P-2 Literacy – we will have update at the next meeting in April as our data collection will be in line with report cards.
2. Driveway to school; safety concern at congested times in the morning and at dismissal. We had a parent hit a car of a staff member at dismissal as the congestion in the lot doesn’t allow for “turning” around.

* Sign has been ordered.

1. School Dance is February 29. (no eternal guests/visitors) March Break is March 11-15. Easter Weekend is March 29-April 2. Parent Teacher interviews and professional learning are on April 4. We will send report cards out prior to this.
2. School Security: in light of events in other schools (provincially, nationally and internationally) doors are being kept locked and being very mindful of permitted entrance.
3. We are currently planning field trips. P-1 is going to a gymnastics club. There are two science/physical education trips for the 7s and 8s planned (Salt Marsh Lake Trail), but weather has deterred the trips. We have Atlantic Splash Adventure booked for June (grades to be determined). Wave pool is booked through HRM; for all grades with varying dates. March 6&7 Grade P-1 and 2,3,4 are visiting Museum
4. African Heritage month activities included our Quiz Team coming in third at the Halifax Libraries’ Quiz Event. The students in grades 7 and 8 practiced intensely with Lem Sealy (ANS Support Worker)
5. A sub-group of the choir just recorded our own version of Lift Every Voice (the Black National Anthem) stayed tuned!

**SSP** **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.

1. Next meeting dates: April 23 VIA ZOOM @ 6:00
2. Adjournment: Amy Weedon; Seconded: Andrea Fennell