# Rockingstone School Advisory Council

# May 7, 2024

School Advisory Council 6:00 pm

VIA ZOOM

**In attendance**: Amy Weedon, Kimberly Best-Janes, Kendall Erickson, Caitlin Brooks, Eloghene Ugbawa, Julie Singer

**Regrets:** Amanda Marriott Karl Thomas Nicole Obeng, Justine Alchorn , Andrea Fennell

* Call to order – Amy at 6:02pm
* Seconded- , Julie Singer
* Approval of Minutes: February; Julie Singer
* Financials – We have a balance of $10510.49. Need to spend some money. Would like to purchase decodable texts.
* Eloghene – proactive ways to promote positive citizenship in our students. Make life skills and values part of the announcements; a way to reach out to all the children; a positive message to be heard daily. Looking to improve values and behaviours in students though leadership skills and skill development. Will send a sample via email to SAC members to look. Want this embedded into the school day.
* Salad Bar –This has been paused until the new year. There were too many outstanding requirements to take care of before start date. The working dishwasher, the operations of it (second floor). A lot of outstanding details to be sorted, ie. Dept of Health.. Food handling for second floor; will revisit next year.
* Lunch program for pp-5will be in place next year. A third party will be set up through HRCE to help with food distribution as we do not have a cafeteria. Family SOS partnership will remain for junior high students.
* Administration Report

Financials; still have approximately $10 000. Purchases are for student achievement. Would like to purchase some decodable text; for kids to practice relationship between letter and sound to help reinforce learned skills. Great asset for classroom.

We have a roll out from the province but looking to acquire more books for all classrooms. Funds remaining can be carried forward for next year. Suggested (by Cailtlyn Brooks) to have money set aside for classroom setup.

* 1. Staffing – teachers will receive their NOAs for the following year tomorrow. A lot of term teachers currently and they do not own positions. Only probationary and permanent teachers received .
  2. Enrolment for 2024-2025 is 336 (no longer a feeder school) . We are our own school with no other schools coming into Rockingstone. As a result we lost a junior high classroom. Less staff is challenging for scheduling
  3. Projected Class Configurations are:
* Primary
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* Grade 1
* Grade 1-2
* Grade 2
* Grade 3
* Grade 4
* Grade 4-5
* Grade 5-6
* Grade 6
* Grade 7, 7/8, 8, and 8 (curriculum development went well)
  1. Grade 6 Provincial Assessments
* **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)
* The Math Consultant has been providing professional learning for the grade five teachers in response to how our current sixes did (Lessons Learned Document) so that our fives can be more prepared for their assessment in grade 6.
* **Reading**; 46.9% of students met expectations (73.2% for region)
* **Writing;** 36.7 % met expectations (59.6% at region); as a response to results spending more time with phonics programs/activities. prepared for next year. **Our response**: She is also sending a math teacher to do some small group instruction with the students.
* **Our response**: increasing word study and phonics instruction into the literacy time. Making sure that the writing and reading lessons are related to each other.

1. P-2 Literacy – Our students are progressing well in lower elementary. See graph attached.
2. Driveway to school now has two signs (no authorized vehicles) and we have a crosswalk sign. It seems to have made a bit of a difference.
3. Field Trips: - Discovery Center, Atlantic Splash Pad, Bayside (grade 8s), Field Day, swimming
4. CRP Specialist – Amanda Mahrspent some time at Rockingstone in grades 4,5 and 6. Amanda got to know some of the students in these classes and supported student learning and achievement by meeting students where they are academically
5. 50th Anniversary **–** Rockingstone was built in 1974. The school is planning an assembly to celebrate and acknowledge the anniversary. Community partnerships will be invited and school choir will participate. Date tentatively set for June 14th.
6. Important Dates – June 25 (Grade 8 Closing), last day of school June 28 (report cards to go home electronically).
7. Fluoride Varnish Program – This program is returning on June 6,7 and 10th for the second fluoride treatmentfor participating families.

**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: June; will email some potential dates. Next meeting will be in person and hopefully some updates of staffing for next year. More data information will be provided in June as well.
2. Email to follow this meeting to summarize for all members.
3. Adjournment: Amy Weedon; Seconded: Julie Singer