

SAJS SAC MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2020 6:00 PM

1. **Call to order:** Mr. Austen

2. **Record of attendance:**

In attendance: Glenn Austen (Principal), Joanne Landry (VP), Erin MacPherson (VP), Daan Verkoeijen, Kim Bain-Long, Mary-Beth Brophy, Gary Cusack, Rochelle MacKenzie and Anelia Wasserman

Regrets: Marie Kennedy, Leah Duggan, Mark Lukeman

3. **Additions to agenda** None

4. **Approval of agenda** None

5. **Approval of minutes**
Moved to next meeting

6. **Business arising from meeting minutes**
None

7. **New business**

7.1 Principal's report

Bonvie-MacDonald agreed to contribute \$5000 towards a piece of playground equipment.

African Nova Scotian Heritage Month will include various activities like a music jam, African poetry slam, African crafts, African dancing and games and a movie event.

7.1.1 SAJS Student Success Planning (School Improvement Plan) 2019-2020

7.1.2 2019-2020 Gr 6 RWM Assessment Results

The regional and school Gr 6 RWM were received. Provincial results are not available yet. Our results are on par with the region in most areas.

The school supports the regional focus on the development of analytical skills in both reading and math.

The focus of the school is also to find students needing additional support and to support them and to find stronger students and give them opportunities to excel.

The school is open to examine practices, for example bringing back a common school-based assessment to help students to get used to a formal assessment format.

7.2 SAC Finance Report

There is \$3400 remaining in the SAC budget. The final decision on expenses should be made by April.

The Student Voice group could be asked for input via Ms. Kennedy.

Activities during African Heritage Month could also link to our Inclusive/Wellness goal and could be considered for funding.

7.3 Guidance Report (Joanne Landry on behalf of Marie Kennedy)

A Student Voice group was initiated. A student rep from each grade was chosen to contribute to our school and meet once monthly. Student SAC representatives Mark and Mary-Beth can liaise with this group.

GSA- meets every two weeks.

Together We Can - girls group starting next week in partnership with public health and AWRC.

Five staff members from our school completed training to start a boys group.

Bell Aliant Let's Talk day – takes place January 29th.

Kids in the Know - facilitated by Constable MacPherson is continuing.

Roots of Empathy is presented by a public health nurse with a Grade 5 class.

Health classes to partner with Naomi Society for presentations during family violence presentation week.

7.4 Student Report

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8. **Upcoming events**

- Valentine's Day Dance – Feb 13
- Heritage Day – Feb 17
- Pink and Red in the Rink – Feb 19
- Grade 8 Ski trip – March 5
- PD day – March 13
- March Break – March 16-20
- Report cards go home – April 2
- Parent-Teacher – April 8

9. **Next meeting** Tuesday, Feb 25 at 6 pm.

10. **Adjournment** at 6:55pm