

Bell Park Academic Centre

SAC Meeting Minutes: Draft December 5, 2023

Attendees: Danita Williams, Latia Dunn, Gabreille Grant, Nyasha Sparks, Karen Barlett, Gail McLean  
Albert Williams

Regrets: Margret Fraser, Charnell Colley, Angela MacNeil

Call to order 6:35 pm

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Approval of the Agenda: Danita, 2<sup>nd</sup> Latia

Approval of the Minutes: Gail, 2<sup>nd</sup> Latia

Student Success Plan:

Reviewed our Literacy, Math, and Well-Being goals.

- **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.
- **Math Goal:** We will improve achievement in math for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw /Indigenous ancestry. (Math Fluency for all grades)
- **Well-Being:** 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

Resources:

Facile a Lire was purchased for French Immersion Program which included (chapter books, guided reading sets, revision guides, writing resource, and flash cards).

Events: Celebration of ANS Culture trip- grades 5-6 students, and movie night.

Capturing Community Voices:

We talked about alternate/nontraditional ways to capture the voices of all the members of the diverse school community represented. Suggestion where Coffee, and chat time and look at a

variety of ways to capture this information, focus groups, listening sessions, thought exchange, surveys. We will use community resources and personnel to support the development and collection of information to capture the voices. We will have further discussion around this topic at a latter date.

#### One Chance to be a Child Report:

A data profile to inform a better future for child and youth well-being in Nova Scotia. The report was authored by the Department of Pediatrics and Healthy Populations Institute, Dalhousie University. As a SAC we talked about the aspects of wellbeing, including -mental wellbeing, social emotional wellbeing, physical wellbeing and having connections to the social environment. One of the major concerns highlighted was the level of food insecurity that is happening in all communities.

#### Breakfast Program:

Students have access to the breakfast bins in the classrooms. There is a variety of fresh fruit provided as well (apples, bananas, oranges, plums, and nectarines when in season).