

## **SAC Meeting Minutes**

### **February 2, 2022**

**Attending:** Anne Johnson, Tara-lynn Lewis, Shanea Sparks, Tahirah Smith, Amie Carnes-Arsenault, Colter Simmonds, Renise Cain, Teaira Cain

**Regrets:** April, Ashanda,

Preston office has test kits available, Tuesdays, Thursdays+ Fridays, 9 -1 (5 per Kit). Call to order:

**Renise Approval of agenda:** Teaira Cain, Shanea Sparks

**Approval of minutes:** Amie Carnes, Colter Simmonds

**Old business:** 3 water fountains back working, 2 new and one was already in place.

Black excellence sessions grades 3 – 6 with Rachel Ross, Facilitator African Canadian Services and Chris Johnson, Tunnel Vision Association - still online, starting to pick back up for the remainder of the year.

### **Data**

Term 1 Literacy and Math Assessment Data graphs were presented and discussed. Some improvements were noted; however, it is clear that on-line learning has impacted some students. This has also been seen across the region.

## **Student Success Plan**

The SSP goals and strategies have been revised and were shared with SAC. The new streamlined process for SSP was explained.

A resource shared with staff to support strategies was *Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain* (Zaretta Hammond)

## **Well-being**

In response to the recent tragedy, supports for staff was brought in prior to the students returning.

Upon returning, children very somber. Marlene Ruck Simmonds, Executive Director African Canadian Services, Rachel Ross, and Maura MacKinnon HRCE Lead Specialist Support were onsite for the whole week to support.

Students will be engaging in a memory writing activity with School Counsellor, Child & Youth Care Practitioner and School Social Worker. Beautiful memory cards were purchased for this activity.

Principal has been meeting with a collaboration team made up of individuals from IWK, NP Community Centre, Cole Harbour Mental Health, Archy Beals to find better ways to support the students. IWK is willing to come in to do training with the staff Also willing to fast track any referrals for Choice Appointments put in from identified kids of community. The school has been having Student Support Team meetings with Parents of children directly affected to determine additional supports.

Discussion was had around trauma in the Community. The principal requested the support of SAC in engaging parents in possible opportunity for workshops in the near future.

#### New Business:

Renise – Halifax Public Libraries in partnership with Frontier College will be sending home literacy kits to students in grade 3-6 that attend the following schools; Nelson Whynder Elementary School, Humber Park, Bell Park Academic Elementary School,

Sac received a letter from Ross Road's SAC offering their condolences. Anne will send it to everyone.

Next meeting: Will be after March Break