



Principal's Report to SAC

June 22, 2022

Student Success

Student Success Plan (SSP) Reflection for Annual Report was submitted. A copy will be emailed to SAC members.

P – 2 Literacy Strategy shown great success. The number of students meeting from September to May increased by 68%. We have seen even greater increases in June. We have also noted great improvements in grade 3 – 6. Term 3 data graphs will be presented in the Fall. Grade 6s engaged in the provincial Literacy and math assessments in early October. We received the results late May. Teachers noted huge improvement in current student achievement in comparison to the October results.

SAC Annual Report was sent to SAC members for review and submitted to central office by the June 20th deadline. It will later be placed on the school website.

Events & Recognitions to Support Well-being

Parent/Guardian Wellbeing Day - Thanks to the hard work of SAC members and staff volunteers, we had an amazing heart warming and informative day for parents/guardians and community members. Our theme for the day was *Well-being: The Road to Healing and Support*. The day was filled with powerful speakers. We are grateful for the following presenters and supporters: Presenters Dr. Marlene Ruck-Simmonds, Clara Coward, Rose Fraser and Alana MacLean. Kim Cain who captured the event live creating the beautiful portrait. Donations were received from HRCE Healthy School Community Grant, Delmore Buddy Daye Learning Institute (DBDLI), Frontier College Preston Township Literacy Program, World Gym, Black Educators Association (BEA) and Massage Addict.

Guest Speakers for June: Grade 6 Conference Black Excellence, Black Genius Conference – Quentrel Provo, Chris Johnson, Caleb Johnson, Alicia Kibwaa, Auburn Drive Africentric Math Cohort students. Grade Primary & Grade 1 Africville presentation by Linda Mantley & Grandsons. Grades 4/5, 5/6 – RCMP presentation on sexual misconduct and personal safety. (Had to be postponed for a later date). Cole Harbour & Preston Township Library staff promoting their Summer Reading Program.

Class Presentations- Grade 6 Legacy Fair; Grade 5/6 Radio Drama work and presentations with Jonathan Grady of Halifax Regional Arts; Grades 4,5 and 6 French Readers Theatre presentations. Grade 6 year end awards ceremony June 28th 1:00 pm. SAC members are invited.

Memorial Mural Project- Students and staff worked with local artist Letitia Fraser to design and paint a beautiful mural in the gymnasium in honour of Mar Mar. This mural will be unveiled and dedicated Friday June 24th 1:00 pm. SAC members are invited to join this celebration and honour.

Funding and Donations

Grant Funding/Donations

- Small Playground/Basketball net & upgrades - NSTU Dartmouth Local has donated \$500 and Halifax Casino donated \$3000 to support upgrades to the small playground in memory of Mar Mar. We hope to install a basketball net, upgrades to the pavement and a safety fence. Anne has been in contact with Operations Regional Manager and our building manager to discuss upgrades requested.
- Tony Eghan Memorial - We have received memorial donations. We will be installing an outdoor "Give a book/Take a book" outdoor library box in our outdoor classroom. Installation and unveiling dates TBA.
- Please refer to SAC Annual Report for details of SAC grant spending

2022/2023 School Year

We are confirmed for pre-primary plus five classes P – 6 (P/1, 2, 3, 4/5, 6). This means our school population has been reduced by 1 class. Please encourage pre-primary registration which will eventually feed into primary. All of our classroom teachers are returning. Ms. Downey (currently grade 2) will be Resource teacher and Ms. Pinaud (Art) and Ms. Hanna, (Leaning Centre) are returning. Our Reading Recovery/ Literacy Coach, Early Literacy/Literacy Coach and Math Intervention teachers are also returning. We are pleased to have our Vice-Principal Ms. Desmond back. We are excited about this consistency for our students. We are still awaiting the confirmation of appointment of Core French, Music, Instrumental Band and School Counselor. These circuit positions are all held by term teachers and therefore the hiring is in the hands of central office and the home school. Hopefully, these positions will be filled soon. We have been allotted an additional 50% EPA. This is currently going through the hiring process.

