SAC Brookside Jr High School

Agenda & Minutes- October 10th, 2024

Supporting Student Success

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| **Literacy Goal: Students will improve their writing in the areas of organization and conventions.**Cycle (September- December) |
| **Math Goal:   Make connections between what I learned and my real-life experiences.**Cycle (September- December) |
| **Well-Being Goal: Students will develop skills and habits when connecting with others in our learning environment.** |

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| **Discussion Items** | **Minutes** |
| **Call to order / Attendance** | **Attendance:** Jamie Quinn, Laura Slaunwhite, Sawyer Prescott, Evelyn Lamplugh, Hannah Kay, Michelle Smith, Tammy Richards, Tracey Vandewater, [Mahbubur Rahman](https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/admin/contacts/edit.html#?contactid=94032624)**SAC Chair:** Jen Helm**Regrets:** Patrica Laws, Amanda Feetham, Angela Feetham |
| **Approval of meeting minutes from last meeting.** | **Not applicable** |

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| SAC Agreement and Bylaws review | * Review the SAC bylaws for Brookside.
* Review the Membership to determine where positions are unfilled.
* Administration will seek student representation; one student from grades 7,8, 9.
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| **Principal’s Report** | Ms. Quinn’s prepared Principals Report. (**below)**. |
| **Student Success Planning** | 3 goals- literacy, math, and well-being. PD October 11th is focused on SSP- The goals are updated at the top of this template. |
| **Finance** |  SAC GrantSAC yearly funds- $5000, plus $1.00/student= ~$5300/ year. SAC request approval for purchasing- procedures. |
| **Other** | Request from parent regarding feminine products in girls’ washrooms. (There are baskets and products in the girls washrooms and the gender neutral washroom on the main floor)Student fees- No student fees this year- mindful of socio- economic hardships we are currently in. (Likely next year to help cover the costs) These funds help to pay for events, spirit wear, school wide assemblies, dance subsidies and help build culture and climate in the school. |
| **Next Meeting(s):** | November 7th, 2024 (In Person)January 16th, 2025 *(Virtual on Google Meet)*February 20th, 2025 (In Person)April 10th, 2025 *(Virtual on Google Meet)*May 15th, 2025 (In Person)**Time:** 6pm |



**Principals Report:**

Principal’s Report & Updates (Oct. 10th)-

Current enrollment 314.

➢ Grade 6- 79

➢ Grade 7- 77

➢ Grade 8- 73

➢ Grade 9- 85

Emergency Management Plan We conducted all 3 Emergency Management drills- lockdown, hold & Secure & fire drills. All HRCE schools have Emergency Management Plans, which are reviewed, updated and practiced every year. These plans have three responses to an emergency: Shelter in Place, Evacuation, and Relocation.

1. Shelter in Place involves either a Hold and Secure (where no one enters or exits the building, but those inside may be able to move around) or a Lockdown (where no one enters or exits the building and all students and staff are concealed in a secure location, away from doors and windows).
2. Evacuation involves all students and staff exiting the building but remaining on the property.
3. Relocation involves all students and staff moving from the school property to another nearby site. It is also important to note that HRCE can respond to an emergency evacuation using our large network of school buses.

- There are more than 400 school buses on the road every day.

- Cell Phone policy is going great!

**Professional Development**

❖ Safe and Inclusive Schools priority PD Sept 4th.

-Went over Brookside’s EMP and procedures.

❖ Admin- Threat Risk Assessment (2 day training)

❖ SAC Chair and Admin- Provincial SAC PD

❖ Oct. 11th PD- focus is on SSP goals & specific groups of teachers at the Center for Education or other specific training.

❖ Oct. 25- Provincial PD for all staff

**School Community News**

❖ School Community- Curriculum Night turnout was wonderful. One of the biggest turnouts we have had in a few years.

 ➢ Friday Update emails to families are sent out weekly.

❖ Terry Fox and School Spirit Day- over $2000 raised. The school provided hotdogs for the whole school and leftovers were donated to the local food bank.

❖ Student Voice- we are intentionally working on adding student voice and involvement/ leadership:

➢ We have 3 grade 9 students doing our morning announcements

➢ Students handing out the lunch orders (leadership)

❖ Equity & Inclusivity- Our morning songs will include O’Canada in Mikmaw on Wednesdays. On Fridays, Lift every Voice to honor and acknowledge our students of Mikmaw and African descent.

➢ Guest speakers:

■ Female Empowerment to grade 8 & 9 girls

■ Gr. 9 Human Trafficking from RCMP (provincial)

■ The Get Real Movement coming in Nov. 26th- presentations include: 2SLGBTQ+Inclusivity (anti-racism) presentations.

Two workshops and a small lunch workshop for GSA.

➢ Mikmaw speaker - coming in to talk to grade 6’s.

➢ field trip being spread across for all students throughout the year. The school will look to offset costs for everyone to have an opportunity to go on field trips as buses are expensive.

■ 703/704 to Shubenacadie

■ 801/802/901/902 to Cineplex

■ 803 to MSVU

■ two groups of students to go to the Pottery/ Clay lab.

- Grade 9’s TYKTW November 6th, 2024.

BOBCAT Sports: (Schedules are available on our school webste)

Soccer season- full swing!

Volleyball- next

Cross Country- full swing!

Basketball- Dec/ winter months

Clubs- We are looking to increase clubs offered at BJH at lunch and perhaps after school some days.

Intramurals @ lunch being offered- This is supported by staff volunteers.

Board game club

Drop in and GSA – SchoolsPlus.

Sports Bin- we purchased a lot of balls and things for outside play at lunch (these need to be replenished often).

Breakfast Program & Lunch programs- - Grab & Go is offered every morning at the two entrances of the school. - Once a month- free full lunch will be offered to students (Mondays) - Once a month- free breakfast will be offered to students (day TBD)

 Lunch program- online lunch orders began the first week of October (now) from 5 different vendors and they will be delivered to the school.

SAC Funds will be used this year to support whole school initiatives. If individual teachers are looking for certain things, they can request school funds from the administration

**Meeting Adjourned- 7:00pm**