

SAC Brookside Jr High School

Agenda & Minutes- November 14th, 2024

Supporting Student Success

Literacy Goal: To Improve Student Achievement in Literacy

Cycle 1- **Students will improve their writing in the areas of generating ideas, organization and conventions.**

Math Goal: To improve student achievement in math

Cycle 1-**Students will begin to see and make connections between what they are learning and real life experiences**

Well-Being Goal: We will improve student well-being at our school

Cycle 1- **Students will develop how to socially interact with others in an appropriate and respectful way when in school**

Discussion Items	Minutes
Call to order / Attendance	Attendance: SAC Chair: Jen Helm Regrets: Patrica Laws, Amanda Feetham, Angela Feetham
Approval of meeting minutes from last meeting.	October 10th Meeting Minutes

<p>SAC Agreement and Bylaws review</p>	<p>Reviewed previous meeting.</p>
<p>Principal's Report</p>	<p>Ms. Quinn's prepared Principals Report. (below).</p>
<p>Student Success Planning</p>	<p>How is Brookside team and students working towards meeting our SSP goals...</p>
<p>Finance</p>	<p>SAC Grant requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting student success and well-being. Purchasing student awards, prizes, incentives, and swag during our term recognitions & throughout the year Gotcha tickets. - Supporting students in the fine arts departments- technology department, arts and fine arts and music.
<p>Other</p>	<p>We have a few requests and things to think about for SAC spending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our Tech Ed teacher is amazing and is trying to build the program. He is looking to purchase a 3D printing machine - He is also considering an idea for our Innovation grant we can apply to. <p>Request from School:</p> <p>\$1500.00- towards Tech Ed Equipment</p> <p>\$2500,00- towards school clothing order & incentives</p> <p>Requests voted and passed by members.</p>

Next Meeting(s):	January 16 th , 2025 (<i>Virtual on Google Meet</i>) February 20 th , 2025 (In Person) April 10 th , 2025 (<i>Virtual on Google Meet</i>) May 15 th , 2025 (In Person) Time: 6pm
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Principal's Report & Updates- November 14h, 2024

Emergency Management Plan

Fire Drill #3 completed. Our fastest and most efficient time yet!

Student Success Plan (SSP). Our first term short cycle focus is:

Literacy: Students will improve their writing in the areas of generating ideas, organization and conventions. Teachers will use mentor texts and explicit instruction to support students' writing.

Mathematics: Students will begin to see and make connections between what they are learning and real life experiences. Teachers will provide multiple opportunities and ways of showing their learning (assessment practices) and will begin classes with multiple questions and entry points.

Well-Being: Students will develop how to socially interact with others in an appropriate and respectful way when in school. Staff will model, teach, and provide opportunities for learning. The school will build school spirit and recognize students' academic achievement and will create new pillars to recognize the whole student. Math extra help is offered on Wednesdays for students in grades 7-9.

Professional Development

The Literacy team took part in a lunch & learn and afternoon PD with our Literacy Consultant. The focus was on improving students' writing, specifically generating ideas. Teachers will explicitly teach/model this and provide more time and opportunities for writing. Math consultant and PD is scheduled for Nov. 26th to support the math teachers to help improve students' mathematical understanding.

School community news

- The Remembrance Day ceremony was beautiful and well done. School band, student readers and guests.
- 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- attached to Social Studies outcomes.
 - Gr 8 & 9's to Cineplex- Friday Nov. 8th- attached to Literacy outcomes.
 - two groups (60 students) to go to the Pottery/ Clay lab.
- Grade 9's TYKTW November 6th, 2024 was a hit and great experience for our grade 9 students.

School Swag- Recognition

- We were able to offer families an opportunity to purchase swag. The school will get a small kickback in funds.
- The school is looking to purchase more student swag and incentives to give to students during our Term recognition assemblies and throughout the week when we introduce our new pillars and gotcha's! This supports our student well-being goal and helps build a

positive school culture that focuses on the positive contributions of our students.

Bobcat Pillars for student recognition

- introduced and discussed with SAC members.

14 Days of Giving & Cheer- kindness tickets/draws in December

- share with SAC members.

Private property behind the school/ ball fields

- new owners asking people to stay off their property.
- share with SAC members

Cameras:

- many blind spots in high traffic areas. Increased security cameras and improved security systems have been on the Admin agenda to help decrease incidents and provide more accurate evidence.
- Looking to seek HRM and other supports (HRCE) for safety of students and property.

Operations:

- Leveled the front grounds out in the parking lot. Bus lanes will be painted to help with the safety of students and all during drop offs and pickups. This will happen in the next few weeks.

Athletics

Volleyball

Basketball- Dec/into the new year

Clubs


We have increased our clubs and lunch time opportunities at lunch time for students. We have intramurals and many staff open their doors for drop in.

Wrestling club after schools- Tuesday & Thursday

Breakfast Program & Lunch programs

Whole school lunch in November was Nacho Tuesday! It was a huge hit!

December lunch will be...grilled cheese and tomato soup!



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