SAC Meeting – March 29, 2022

Attendance: Diane Lloyd, Maggie Schmid, Jody Livingstone, Dan Fournier, Kim Casey, Carolyn Sullivan

Approval of February Minutes: Kim Casey and Diane Lloyd

Approval of Agenda: Maggie Schmid and Carolyn Sullivan

Dan Fournier presented the Principals Report:

* P-2 At home reading program was launched Monday. Dan spoke about how the initiative was designed not to add pressure to families but instead provide a positive reading experience at home.
* Schools Plus March Break Camp was a success. Many students participated from Harbour View.
* A Cooking Club will begin this spring at Harbour View – Jen Walker (core French teacher), Rachel Gardiner (schools plus) , Ally Carr (CYSP) will be organizing this club.
* Dan received a quote for the Kitchen Range Hood – the quote at $23000 – plus some electrical units. The funds do not exist to cover this, looking at other options including buying 1-2 residential stoves.
* We have a Literacy Coach starting Monday April 4th. They will be working with 3 classroom teachers – Ms. Dodge, Ms. Day and Ms. Clarke.
* Katie McInnis started Maternity leave today – Chris Doyle took over her position as a sub. They had 2 days to transition together at the beginning of the week.
* We have 3 New EPA’s due to increased allocation. Krishna Pothu, Shawnadawn Clattenburg and Kerriann Walker.
* STILL NO SUBS AVAILABLE – We often have to use specialist teachers to cover classrooms when teachers are absent.

Other Business:

Jody asked about the free lunch program that was offered at Harbour View pre covid. It provided the full school with lunch once a week. Typically, this program was funded through a superstore grant, that was not applied for last May. We will investigate other sources of funding to restart the program.

We have started to provide sandwiches for students who do not have lunch daily.

7000 dollars’ worth of SAC funds to be spent. The group talked about ways to prioritize the money:

* Playground Equipment – Bulk order. Have a bin of outdoor equipment for each class: Sports balls, skipping ropes, frisbees, sidewalk chalk etc.
* Some money was already spent on extra clothing to have in the office.
* Activity learning: p-2 teachers (Maggie to follow up on this)
* Harbour View T-shirt – fundy textile was suggested as a company to use. Contact information: 9024927799
* Board games – promote teamwork and cooperative learning – Board Game Library with multiple copies of each game.
* Time away / Break Space signs. Consistent throughout the school.

Add Shannon O’Connell to email list before next meeting: She would like to join SAC.