

**William King Elementary School**  
**School Advisory Council**



Date: February 24, 2022

Attendance: Tracy Marchand, Chris Longaphy, Jill Ginn, Sherisse O'Leary & Nicole Munroe

Regrets: Johanna Watters

Minutes: Nicole Munroe

Call to Order – 6:07 pm

Approval of Agenda - Approved

Approval of Minutes – Motion advanced by Sherisse O'Leary to approve the minutes, motion seconded by Chris Longaphy and passed.

**Principal Report:**

- a. Staffing Updates: No changes since our last meeting. New enrollments coming in daily. Enrollment number will likely increase for next year. We have 2 student teachers who will be allowed to sub if required prior to their end date in May. We haven't had many staff absences like other schools. EPA subs are very difficult to find.
- b. Student Success Planning: This is a standing item on the SAC agenda. Our PD Day focused on alignment to school goals, in particular, Math and Reading. Mr. Longaphy presented on the PD Day shared the day's focus which was looking at effective mathematical processes and how to set up your classroom to ensure problem-based learning is central to practice. Students need to be active participants in their learning. If you want students to think, give them something to think about. What do they do to help build this toolbox. Topics included knowledge mobility, creating collaborative groups, making use of non-permanent writing vertical spaces that are erasable, computational fluency and the importance of communication. How do we get kids to do most of the sharing of knowledge
- c. P-2 Reading Priority? Continues to be a focus. In February, expectations are more complex and benchmarks change. Feb data: Primary (n=35) – 69% meeting [down from 78%] ; One (n=31) – 97% meeting [up from 87%]; Two (n=30) – 67% meeting [up from 60%]. We continue to focus on early intervention in primary – giving them the skills to

acquire new reading skills and ten grade two students who are making limited progress. We have put supports in place to support these students and will closely monitor progress.

- d. School Climate Efforts: It has been a busy month with celebrations of African Heritage Month and the Olympics. The Olympics were a huge hit. We had a great opening ceremony for the students. Next month we hope to create a Spirit Week for the students, prior to March Break
- e. Lunch Monitors: We continue to require lunch monitors for lunch time. Chris and Tracy continue to be monitors daily and some staff as well. We think we have located another monitor so hopefully that works out.
- f. Grants:

- Student Support Grant (June, 2022): This will be utilized when we are able to resume school trips or have guests in the building. This fund is meant to offset the cost of asking for money from families for school trips or presenters.

- Healthy Schools Grant (March 31, 2022): Staff are interested in purchasing activity bags for each classroom with outdoor equipment and Mr. Selkirk will assist in recommending items for outdoor use.

- SAC Budget (March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022): SAC members talked about purchasing/updating classroom libraries to ensure students and teachers have accessible reading material.

- g. Fundraising: All fundraising efforts are on hold unless they are specifically for a designated purpose – i.e. new playground. This is a project that will take several years to fundraise for.
- h. Discussion/Reflection - Spending of SAC Funds. Vertical white boards. The funds for these may come from the network grant, but not much money to spend. Using some of this grant money to purchase books for the classroom. Tracy will do a staff survey based on what they need. Book Bureau is where they purchase classroom books.
- i. Next Meeting Discussion: (Suggestion: Parent Feedback Platforms; Getting Parents Involved). How do we get more parent input into SAC? How can we vote and speak for the rest of the parent community if we don't know what they want? How can we be creative in the school community and engage people? Sherisse has a vision about SAC. Each meeting has a topic that we need to brainstorm on. Next meeting talk about creating platforms for parents.

Adjournment; meeting adjourned at 7:13pm

Next Meeting Date - March 24, 2022 at 6pm (virtual)