**SAC Meeting Minutes: January 25th, 2024.**

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**Members Present:**

* Michelle Kavanaugh Principal
* Christine McKenna Vice-Principal
* Brooke VanTassel Teacher (Absent)
* Diana Hatchette Teacher (Absent)
* Angela Murphy Parent (Absent)
* Amanda Dowling Parent (Absent)
* Natasha Riley Parent (Absent)
* Lisa MacKinnon Community Member
* Michelle Garcia Schools Plus Community Outreach Worker
* Tyrell Grosse Grade 7 student representative (Absent)
* Kassidy Molineux- Ross Grade 9 student representative (Absent)

**Reviewed Agenda**

**Introductions**

**Upcoming Meeting Times and Dates: March 7th, April 20th, May 18th**

**Principal’s Report:**

**School Events Upcoming:**

· Winter Wellness Walk (February)

· Tim Horton’s Camp Grade 9 end of year (May)

· Pancake Breakfast (February)

· Grade 6 Cooking Program

· Grants (2000-Appliances, 600 Grade 6 Food)

· STOMP- Halifax Regional Arts

**Student Achievement**

* Literacy Coach-Martha Mathers has been working with us since December 2023. She finished last week and supported grade 7 and 8 ELA teachers
* Math support teacher Lacey Cyr: shorter 3 week blocks beneficial for student success. New format between Caledonia and JMJH. This is more effective to maintain consistency with students.
* Math Coach Joanne Sanford returning for two weeks
* Literacy Support Teacher Mike McLeod finished two weeks ago. Supported grade 7 literacy and reading ability to support Student Success Plan. Provided great assessment data with 7s to gauge where they are with literacy
* SSP update- middle of second cycle- working toward SSP goals
* RWM6 Assessment Results sent out to families
* Math-risk taking and independence in math is a huge challenge
* Literacy- persuasive writing is the current focus
* Well being goal- school climate, creating a safe environment within the school environment

**Student Behaviors**

· Hallways

· Lates

· Cell Phones

**Principal’s Report**

* Turkey dinner in December 2023-supported by NS Power, O'regans and prepared by Parkside Pub- was a positive experience and will return to an annual event as in the past
* Discussed upcoming school events
* Winter Wellness Walk (February) using a different format than previous years (one class at a time with Mme. Sheppard and another chaperone within the community rather than around Albro Lake trail)
* Tim Horton’s Camp Grade 9 end of year (May). Second year in a row. This was a memorable experience for the 9’s last year and we are excited to offer it again.
* Pancake breakfast for Valentine’s to build school community
* Two grants received for $2000 for appliances from Schools Plus to support cooking- blenders, waffle maker, freezer, griddle,waffle maker. $600 for food to increase food literacy program in small groups with grade 6 students
* ANS SSW- STOMP program through HRCE Fine Arts started January 26 two groups, (grade 6 students and group with ANS SSW Kristen Berglund)
* Grade 9 course selection- Daniel Blinn (School Counselor) going on leave. Emily McGuigan will be the replacement- students have a strong relationship with her and she will complete course selection.

**Additional Information shared:**

* Transit Pass Pilot Program- continuing until June 30, 2024.
* Heritage Day February 19th- William Hall materials from Dept of Education distributed to staff
* Athletics- boys and girls basketball team (1st time JMJH had a girls team in years- comfort level increasing)
* Intramurals
* Opportunities being offered currently: African drumming (Toria Aidoo), ukulele/multicultural club (Schools Plus), English Additional Language club (Schools Plus), North Grove (Schools Plus)- kids volunteering to prepare Filipino meal Monday Feb 5- all community members welcome