

Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay School

School Advisory Council

November 6, 2023

Attendees: Amy Hockin, Tina MacDonald, Carrie McBay, Melissa LeBlanc, Nancy Smith, Lisa MacDonald, Lisa Robertson, Clara Nicolae, Linda Joyce, Danielle Kirby, Barb Allen.

1. Call to Order / Approval of Agenda

We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral unceded territory the Mi'Kmaq. The treaties of Peace and Friendship Cover this territory.

2. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes from September 25th, 2023 - Approved

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

➤ **New Community Member**

Linda is joining as a guest with a view to filling one of the vacant community spots on the SAC

4. Student Success Plan update

Well-Being Goal: New strategies this year. 3 cycles are more user friendly. Allows for flexibility and keeps goals relevant. We will improve well being at our school for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

Literacy Goal: We will improve achievement in literacy at our school for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'Kmaq/Indigenous ancestry.

Mathematics Goal: We will improve achievement in mathematics at our school for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'Kmaq/Indigenous ancestry.

5. Principal's Report

Updates:

- 11 classes (no changes) and Second Learning Center Room added.
- Enrollment (Pre-Primary -28 and P-5 – 264)
- Milk Program (daily) and Pizza (Wednesday)– has started with support from Grade 5 Leadership Students delivering.
- Terry Fox Run/Walk
 - Raised \$315
- Fire Drill
- Monthly Assembly (AMTB Top 10 and Mi'Kmaq Heritage Month)
- HSC Grant
 - Sensory Paths for Hallways

- Upcoming Possible Ideas for Spring: Repainting Buddy Benches, Art Project for rocks in center of bus loop, Creative painting for tabletops for picnic tables
- Student Activities (Grade 3-5 Intramural, Grade 5 Leadership Team, Art Club, Snack and Chat and Little Lunch Bunch, Upstanders Club, SEL Club, Musical Auditions starting soon, Class Trip – Museum of Natural History)
- Pre-Primary
 - Utilizing many areas in the site (music room and additional classroom for a sensory room)
 - Free play activities set-up just outside the building (accessible access)
- Breakfast Program/Daily Food Access
 - Examining additional ways to provide access to fresh fruit or veggies this year
- Excel
 - General Registration opened on October 30th and closes November 10th
- AMTB Holiday Market and Fair
 - Volunteers and donations still needed.
- Lunch Monitors
 - Still hiring
- Math Coach currently providing support to some classes on Math Fact Fluency

AMTB Events

November	Coming Up: Remembrance Day Ceremony 9, Come Back Day for Pictures 14, A&E Day 17, AMTB Holiday Market and Fair 18, PD Day and Parent Teacher Conferences 23, Report Cards 27
December	PD Day 4, Holiday Concert 5 and 6, Winter Spirit Days TBD

SSP Updates (4-6 week cycle usually)

- Well-Being
 - Focus on improvement of outdoor play.
- Literacy and Math
 - Focus on decoding/encoding words and monitor how students transfer this into their reading and writing.
 - Focus on using Math Progression Charts to provide 30 minutes daily of explicit strategy instruction to improve Fact/Computational Fluency and Number Sense.

School Fund Requests

Balance Remaining (last year \$3308.94)

Opening Balance: Funding hasn't been received for this year

Updates

- Sensory Path Stickers for hallways \$400 plus taxes -ordered but using HSC Grant instead.
- Zuma Rockers \$260 plus tax and shipping – not ordered.

Total Spent September to October:

- \$367.76 UFLI Sound Walls -Set-Up Cost for P-3 Classrooms
 - \$169.93 Wireless Presenter (supporting teacher instruction)
 - \$272.07 Set-Up first Learning Center (sensory tools, break bins)
 - \$112.66 Set-up Math Fact Fluency Supplies for 4-5 Classrooms
 - \$571.35 Second Learning Center Set-Up (Materials, Reward and Break Bin Set-Up), Reward and Break Bin Set Up) and Classroom Chill Zones (5 spaces
 - \$413.90 Three Learning Carts
 - \$1319.51 Two VenRez Kidney Tables Ordered for classrooms.
- Total: \$3227.18

Upcoming possible funding requests

- Additional Math Fact Fluency Resources- Box of Fact Kits (Addition and Subtraction plus Multiplication and Division)
- Multi-Cultural Resources
- School Performance
- Tents for LC

6. New Business

- Feedback on school photographer: Parents reported being shocked at the cost of the photographs this year. Carrie reported that communication with the photographers was challenging, but on-site was a positive experience. Benefit that the office does not have to be involved. Teachers reported it was a smooth operation from the classroom perspective. Photographers very good with students. Some concern that photos could not be taken of siblings together, but this was not an option. School staff are curious as to how retake day will go with this company. This is a 1 year contract and feedback will be helpful.
- School Spirit/Holiday Themed Events: Parents expressed concern that students could only wear costumes for part of the school day. Some students struggled to dress themselves. Parents would like to have school dances like Prospect Road elementary. Carrie reasoned that each school is different, AMTB hosts the Christmas Fair each year and runs musicals in the spring.
- Pre-Primary: Pre-primary is off site, hosted at the Terence Bay site. There are pros and cons to this arrangement, but overall the Terence Bay site provides an amazing pre-primary programming space for child led play. Pre-primary uses most of the TB site and has lots of outdoor play space too. This is a huge benefit to the program. Questions were

asked about the possibility of arranging for the pre-primaries to connect with upper grade students, but transportation would be a barrier to such opportunities.

7. Public Input: The SAC website has contact information (email address) for the SAC

8. Next meeting January 8th, 2023 (Virtual)

9. Adjournment: 7:10pm