

Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay School

School Advisory Council

Monday February 12th, 2024

Attendees: Amy Hockin, Carrie McBay, Melissa LeBlanc, Nancy Smith, Janet Blackburn, Lisa Robertson

Regrets: Lisa MacDonald, Linda Joyce, Barb Allen, Tina MacDonald, Clara Nic

1. Call to Order / Approval of Agenda – Moved by Melissa, 2nd Janet

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

2. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes from November 6th, 2023 – Moved by Melissa, 2nd Janet
3. Business Arising from the Minutes

➤ Inclusive Education Policy

- Moving item to April Meeting

➤ School Photographer Updates

- April meeting we will review new photographer information packages (minimum 3). Send any suggestions to Carrie and Lisa to reach out for information packages. Carrie will reach out to Pineapple Studios with feedback and see if they are open to changes.

➤ Staff Appreciation Updates

- Staff feedback was well received so far. Staff will keep an eye on volume each day to see if we have too much/not enough.
- Resources were sent to the school for teachers/students to use to show appreciation.

4. Student Success Plan Update

Well-Being Goal: 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'kmaw/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'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

5. Principal Report

Updates:

- Monthly Assembly (AMTB Top 10 and Love and Appreciation of Learning)

- Literacy Week “Let’s have a party” was this year’s theme (create/play games, create song/dances-Recess Dance Party, Party Dress Up Day, Hip Hip Hooray Bulletin Board showcasing characters from books, Party Hat Day and Fruit Kebabs)
- Popcorn Sale-Weekly for Month of January-Parent Volunteers and funds for Grade 5 Trip and Closing
- Matilda Musical-practices have begun.
- Lunch Monitors
 - Still hiring back making some progress

AMTB Events

January	AMTB Monthly Assembly, Popcorn Sale, Literacy Week Activities 22-26
February	Pre-Primary and Primary Registration Month, African Heritage Month, African Drumming Workshops 9, Valentine’s Day 14, Heritage Day 19

SSP Updates (4-6 week cycle usually and working document)

Cycle 2

- Literacy Strategy/Action-Through a writer's workshop and small group instruction, we will continue to get to know our students’ areas of strengths and challenges when writing and monitor how they generate ideas and organization.
- Math Strategy/Action-Through gathering daily evidence in a variety of forms of student learning/understanding we will use it to guide instruction (both 30 minute and 60 minute block).
- Well-Being Strategy/Action- We will create a calm environment within the hallways and classrooms after transitions.

School Fund Requests

Current Balance: \$5102.57

New Purchases:

Multi-Cultural Books - \$244.16 spent of \$750 approved

Staff Appreciation Week-TBD

Additional Requests: -N/A

6. New Business

➤ Discuss areas to focus on spending of funds

- Carrie mentioned we currently have 10-12 Chromebooks that do not have a cart. One possibility for spending would be to purchase another cart where more Chromebooks could eventually be added. The cart would be approx. \$1800 and needs to be ordered through the HRCE.
- Carrie will discuss with teaching staff to see if there are any other areas that the staff feels could use more funding. She will collect ideas and have them available for the next meeting.

- We also discussed the new \$10 000 grant and will look to discuss where these funds might be allocated at our next meeting.

Policies need to be in plain language.

➤ Excel Program

- General Registration being early to mid-May. Excel will provide communication to the school in April to send out to families that will include an explanation that the threshold for registration must be achieved to proceed with next year. By the end of May families that registered should be informed if it can proceed.

➤ Staff Wellness

- Amy noted student and staff wellness are connected and need to be both supported to ensure student success.

7. Public Input - None

8. Next meeting April 8th, 2024 (in-person, location TBD possibly Terence Bay site)

9. Adjournment 6:46

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Nancy Smith