

SAC Minutes – February 27th, 2024

In Attendance:

Amy Hunt, Mike Hallett, Chris Heisler, Makayla Connors, Imara Hamid, Melissa Caines, Riina Vahertimo, Kyle Hooper, Felicite Twagiramariya, Melissa Caines, Stephanie Moore, Jennifer Cleveland

Regrets:

Leah Fumerton, Mike Corbett, Zobeida Al Zobeidy

Call to Order at: 5:34 PM

Approval of Agenda: motioned for approval by Mike Hallett; **all in favour** Yes

Review of Previous Minutes: motioned for approval by Stephanie Moore; **all in favour** Yes

Business Arising:

Principals Report:

- We really need to focus on writing with our students - whether it be ideas, punctuation or fine motor skills. Assistive technology has really helped for fine motor issues
- With math, we are focusing on fact fluency. Students need to understand different strategies! Lots of different ways to learn fact fluency; games and activities to help
- Report cards are set to go home on April 2nd or 3rd; parent teacher meetings on the 4th
- Lots of education around African Heritage Month
- Spirit Week coming up!
- School concert is coming up next week

Student Success Planning:

Review of Teacher Survey:

- Teachers need more books; lower level especially (decodable books, diverse books, leveled readers)
- Training around neurodiverse learners
- Storage and flexible seating/collaborative spaces (wobble chairs, beanbag chairs, etc?)
- Equipment for outdoor play

Can we use our remaining budget to support each individual grade level in purchases that they feel they need?

- We have also had lending libraries in the past, through the resource rooms, and that has worked well

Will follow up with an additional survey on specifics

Finance:

- SAC's can now apply for a grant up to \$12,000 to help with a variety of innovative goals - accessibility and safety would be a big one
- There are restrictions around what you can use the money for, etc.
- Deadline for grant is April 13th, 2024

- Smaller Committee will meet on March 18th at 5:30 PM to create grant proposal

Current balance: Approx. \$3,500

Reports or Presentations:

N/A

Anything Else:

- Brief discussion around neurodiversity and selection of materials to support them
- Discussions around support our readers and writers at home

Adjourned at 6:38 PM; **motioned by** Mike Hallett; **all in favour** Yes

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 16th, at 5:30 PM