

Oxford SAC Meeting Oct 18th @ 6:30pm

Agenda for the Meeting:

Welcome & Check In & Call to Order

How are you? What's on your mind as you come to this meeting?

Student Success Plan

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

Math Goal We will improve achievement in mathematics for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

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.

School Life - Updates on the 2022-2023 school year

- The start of a new year SAC Agreement & Bylaws Members were emailed to review and respond back with questions, concerns, changes needed or to approve.
- What's happening at Oxford?
 - O Grade 8 Math Goal, Grade P-2 Literacy Goal (HRCE) Committee presented questions around why just grade P-2 reading focus and grade 8 Math. Explanation was given around data collection and significant need in supporting reading strategies at the P-2 level to help students grow and develop as readers in upper grades. In Math, provincial data shows a significant drop in number sense knowledge in grade 8 and therefor directed a priority focus to explore this and make improvements in learning in grade 8 math.
 - Oxford 2023 -
 - Class sizes/ Reconfiguration Updates on the 7/8 Classes being reconfigured in September to meet the growing population at Oxford. After the disruption of change occurred, students are settled into their learning.
 - 2. Movement through the building Improvements in movement as Chromebooks are staying stationary in class and carts are not congesting the halls. Jr high students have options to chose from a variety of doors to enter the building (no longer having assigned doors).
 - 3. Sports/Clubs are up and running at Oxford. We have groups from outside of the school coming in to offer clubs, sports options and support groups.

- <u>List of groups supporting Oxford:</u> Hope Blooms, I am Potential, LOVE Program, Nourish NS, Black Educators Association, North End Library
- 4. School photos Adams Photography 2-year contract signed last year.
- 5. Open discussion Questions? Topics of interest? Questions around the Grade 3 Assessments being lost (Canada Post) and what options there are for information possibly being leaked (Student numbers, names). How can this be done in future to avoid these issues? Jan to speak to assessment Rep at HRCE to inquire further.
- 6. Some suggestions were made of ways to connect with the community organizations to sit on SAC as members. Jan will follow up with contacting and requesting this. A pamphlet will be created with examples of decisions SAC has made in the past and ways they support school improvement to share with parents on Parent/Teacher night as a way to gain membership. This will also be done next September during curriculum night.

SAC Spending

SAC grant was renewed for the coming year. \$5000 + \$1 per student (504 Students PP-9)
 This was discussed at length, and we will have teachers request items to be covered. We will also encourage teachers to explore grant options as well as suggestions for our well being goal at the next staff meeting. Information will be shared at next meeting of teacher requests for spending support.

Round Table -

- Follow up meeting Nov 22th
 6:30-7:30 at Oxford School
- Looking for more community members to sit on our SAC.

Did You Know?

- The EECD has a website for SACs, http://www.ednet.ns.ca/SAC
- All communications to SAC Chairs and documents to support SACs can be found at www.hrce.ca - look for the purple button on the left hand side of the main page.

Check Out

One thing you hope to talk about at the next meeting | An item or discussion that was of particular interest at the meeting | One thing you learned or are thinking about as you leave the meeting | action plan