



**Oxford SAC Meeting
Nov 22nd @ 6:30pm**

Agenda for the Meeting:

Welcome & Check In & Call to Order

Attendance: Floris Goerlandt, Sarah Miles, Sara Lipson, Vikki Yusuff, Rebecca Nelson, Christina Garrett, Nancy Bradfield, Jan Gillespie

Regrets: Nicole Rosenow-Redhead, Kymm Lucien

Report Cards – Sent out through gnspes – to both parents and students

Parent Teacher Meetings/Interviews: Thursday November 23, 1-3pm and 6-8pm

Student Success Plan

Short Cycle Planning – 6-8 Weeks, reflect on what works, what did not, where we need to go

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.

Elementary – Fact Focus

Junior High – Number Sense

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.

Food Insecurity

- Students coming to school in mornings and after lunch who haven't eaten, or eaten enough
- Snack program – available throughout the day
- Noticing students more regulated throughout the day and especially in afternoons
- Bins in classrooms, Office, some support teachers' spaces, and at Lates Table

HRCE Student Success Survey (grade 4-9) From those findings – Micro survey with our Junior High students – using their answers which allows us to really hear students' voices. We are in the midst of putting focus group together (lunch time/with food), where students have opportunities to talk about how to make school a safe place, free of discrimination, what Oxford needs to do to enhance school culture

Future Focus Group – Possibly elementary students – looking at questionnaire around food security, academics, safety

Student voice at SAC (hear their experiences) - invite students some meetings to report back on their focus groups. Suggestion to purchase more books from other cultures in a variety of languages that are reflective of our student population.

School Life – Updates on the 2023-2024 school year

- SAC Chair Decided – Floris Goerlandt
- Report cards – Parent teacher meetings this week

SAC Spending

- SAC grant was renewed for the coming year. \$5000 + \$1 per student (481 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.
 - Staff SAC Spending Requests
 - 1. UFLI Program Materials (P-2) \$966.00 Request for 4 sets
 - 2. Core French (4-7) Request for 2 subscriptions for online programs \$32/month
 - Word Wall \$15/month
 - Ed Puzzle (Chrome Extension) \$ 17/month
 - 3. Grade 7/8 English - \$648.00 worth of books
 - 4. EAL (P-9) - Wireless headphones with microphones - Request for 20 headsets @\$28 each
 - 5. Grade 2/3 - Kidney shaped table for small group learning
 - Decision – voted to accept all requests, with exception of tabling kidney shaped table until we can get pricing (Sarah Miles to look at Halifax West table costs)
- Also a general discussion on two additional points:
- The fact that the \$5000 number is not indexed (and hasn't been for many years), which is something which could be taken up higher to HRCE.
- The relatively limited facilities and equipment at Oxford school to engage in STEM projects (limited materials, IT equipment, etc.)

Round Table

Halifax Regional Arts Program offering many programs for students (positive to being located at Oxford)

Looking for more community members to sit on our SAC.

Kymm Lucien, pastor West End Baptist Church will join in January

Kymm also shared – that the West End Baptist Church was looking to offer a lunchtime program (a support group for students looking to make connections and access tutoring and other supports). Kymm will provide information to share with the school for a consideration in the new year.

Lunch Programs @ Oxford

- LOVE Program
- Homework Clubs – Junior High
- GSA – Junior High Art Club – Junior High
- Chess Club – Thursdays afterschool
- SAC members liked the idea of making a kind of inventory of the different programs available to students. Parents and students possibly do not have a good sense of what is offered at Oxford as lunch- or after-school programs. This could be emailed home, on the school website and in newsletters.

SAC Pamphlet

Suggestions, edits from SAC members

Lisa Roberts and Claire, Nourish, supporting Oxford Breakfast Program (invite to SAC?)

Rotary Club (10 members) made 300 muffins for Oxford and Joseph Howe School

Potential future collaboration with SPICE Program – Supporting women baking for our breakfast program.

Next Meetings– January 17, 2024 @6:30pm, February 28, @6:30pm