

Inglis Street Elementary School
School Advisory Council Meeting
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 13th, 2021, in the school Library

Nicolle Vincent	SAC Co-Chair (Parent)	Stevi Gerrior	Community Rep
Mahbubar Rahman	SAC Co-Chair (Parent) (Regrets)	Mirren Harris	Parent Rep
Johanna Calder	Staff Rep	Matthew Hartlen	Principal (ex officio)
Becky Campbell	Vice Principal (ex officio)		

Meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m.

Item	Discussion	Action
ELECTION/ACCLAMATION	- All current members of SAC have reoffered and are acclaimed into their existing roles for a one-year term. Current organizational practices to be continued for the term.	Update SAC with HRCE
COVID-19 UPDATE –	- Province has directed that proof of full vaccination is required for all staff by Nov 30, meaning that second shots will need to be administered by mid Nov to be deemed “fully vaccinated” by the deadline. Proof of vaccination will be managed by HRCE Human Resources Department, but school sites will be tasked with filling in any vacancies created by non-vaccinated staff. Guests will also be required to provide proof of vaccination to enter the building after Nov 30.	Information Sharing Only – no action currently
Electronic School Notice Board	- Installation is nearing completion. Wiring was run today for electrical and internet link-up.	Information
Lunch Monitors	- We have been at least 2.5 lunch monitors short since school began. Mr. Hartlen & Mrs. Campbell have been fulfilling the shortfalls every school day. A few employment packages have been completed, but many approved Lunch Monitors move into EPA substituting positions, which perpetuates the daily shortfall in the school. We hope to get more interested people approved soon.	Information Ask friends/neighbours to help (CRC/VS required)
2021-22 Class Configurations	- As of this date there are 231 students at Inglis Street Elementary (including 31 Pre-Primary students). There are 30 Primary, 22 Gr 1, 31 Gr 2, 22 Gr 3, 31 Gr 4, 34 Gr 5, 30 Gr 6. All classes are at soft cap, both 4-5 & 5-6 are at 26 students. As St. Mary’s Elementary School classes are all at hard cap, we are accepting their students as out-of-area at Inglis Street.	Information
Student Leadership Crew	- Applications from Grades 5 & 6 students received this week, will be scheduled to begin next week in various tasks: Morning Announcements, Weather Day Team (helping in lower elementary classes for indoor recess/lunch), Lunch Delivery (T, W, Th), and Helping Hands (helping P & P-1 students with zippers, boots, etc.; being school ambassadors/greeters if/when guests are permitted).	Information
EPA Support	- There is a system-wide strain to distribute Educational Program Assistants to schools where there are demands greater than the current staffing level. One Learning Centre teacher has not had a lunch break or any prep as there is a need to support students so EPA’s may have breaks and lunches. School Administration has been subsidizing these shortfalls by hiring substitutes to allow release time for programming. Some students who had shared EPA support/contact in the past are becoming dysregulated as academic demands are now increasing.	Meet with Leslie McInnis -appeal for more (1.3 [80% & 50%] EPA positions for our LC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our caseload is currently at 17+ students and a meeting with Student Services of HRCE is scheduled for Oct 15. 	
October Family Fun Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to hold our Family Fun Night again this year. 	Information
School Events Sept/Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary Orientation evening of Sept 2, for Primary students & parents - Curriculum Overviews/Slide Decks (MH offered kudos to Ms. Ryan for her presentation) - Mi'Kmaq virtual storytellers for Truth & Reconciliation Awareness week - Orange Shirt Day - Terry Fox Walk/Run - School Picture Day (good response from teachers for the new photographers' approach and willingness to go the extra mile to "get the shot") - Grade Six Provincial Assessments (RWM6) - CBC Kids There are three programs available from which teachers may choose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · CBC Kids at School Storytime (Primary - Grade 2): · CBC Kids at School How Video Games Are Made (Grades 3-4): · CBC Kids News in the Classroom (Grades 5-7): 	Information
SAC Annual Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewed the Summary Report of SAC for the 2020-21 school year. Discussion of where best to spend the SAC grant; possibly a refresh on some of the flexible. 	Bring ideas to the next meeting for how to best utilize the SAC grant for our school/students
Before & After School Programs (YPHA/Excel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YPHA registering issues with new manager who accepted five (5) students requiring 1:1 supervision for safety/toileting/feeding for the 2021-22 school year. YPHA staff at Inglis site unable to safely meet these needs. Parents upset at being accepted, then not having after school programming. Inglis Street needs to have a program that can accommodate all students and will look into what services Excel Childcare program can offer. 	MH/BC to check with other schools with experience with YPHA & Excel programs MH to check with Excel coordinator at HRCE re: inclusivity
Healthy Hunger Lunches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is the first week for offerings through Healthy Hunger. It is being offered on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday lunch times this year. Tuesday was supposed to be Shawarma Stop, but after one order, they indicated that they did not have the staff to meet the orders. Papa Mario's Pizza will be offered on Tuesday, beginning on October 26. On Wednesday Burrito Jax is offered, and on Thursday is Subway. All orders must be made five days in advance of the date desired, and payment is made through the HH website. Many families may have a credit balance due to cancelled lunches last year. 	Information

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Next meeting is November 17, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Minutes taken by R.A. (Becky) Campbell