

Inglis Street Elementary School
 School Advisory Council Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2024, in the Library

Angelina Cooke - SAC Co-Chair

Margie Farrell - Staff Rep

Matthew Hartlen - Principal (ex officio)

Mariya Turchin - Parent

Becky Campbell - Vice Principal (ex officio)

Maryem Zia - Parent (absent)

Mahbubur Rahman - Parent (Past co-chair) (absent)

Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m.

Item	Discussion	Action
<p>Welcome/ Minutes Approval</p> <p>Principal's Report</p>	<p>Minutes/Summary of February meeting read – no quorum to approve</p> <p><u>Grade 3 Provincial Assessment RWM3</u> upcoming end of May – preparations for accommodations/adaptations well underway by our student services team.</p> <p><u>February Family Fun Night</u> – well received and fun! Good turnout from our families (surplus canteen items continue to be sold to staff at FFFN price)</p> <p><u>Grade 6 C/L Care Kits</u>: \$826 raised through sales of items at the Feb Family Fun Night, follow-up “leftover” sale, and a school-wide popcorn sale. Items for six personal care kits were purchased and items loaded by students into six boxes and distributed to Metro Turning Point Shelter on Barrington Street. Because on retailer (Mountain Warehouse) gave a 50% discount, there was a surplus remaining. This was used to buy Tim Horton’s and Superstore gift cards for the clients at MTPS. Kits and gift cards were there delivered today, and they were received with much gratitude and appreciation.</p> <p><u>Spirit Week</u> – proceeded in the week leading into March Break. Well received and made for a fun way to transition to March Break with limited impact of student learning time.</p> <p><u>Staffing Updates</u>: a.) Learning Centre teacher now finished work and is awaiting arrival of her baby; Ms. Teresa Fiume will be the long-term LC teacher for the balance of this school year. It will be posted for filling over the summer, Ms. Rodgers expected back in January 2025; b.) P-1 position – Ms. Jessome will be remaining in the P-1 class for the balance of the school year; and c.) Grade 2-3 position – Ms. Francis will be remaining in the 2-3 class for the balance of the school year.</p> <p><u>Strings Event</u> – March 7th was our Grades 4-6 strings night with special guests of the intermediate chamber orchestra under the direction of our strings teacher, Suzanne Brown. There were over 100 people in the audience and light refreshments were served to the performers, their siblings, and accompanying adults.</p> <p><u>Literacy Coach</u> – we benefitted by having Carolyn Locke back in our school for a period of short-cycle coaching. During this time she focused on supporting P-2 teachers and</p>	<p>Information</p>

	<p>establishing criteria for reading records for EAL students and matching our assessments to the phonics-based approach we have adopted (UFLI).</p> <p><u>Yard Sale/Flea Market</u> – upcoming at the end of April. PTO fundraiser. Set up Friday April 26, with the sale on Saturday April 27 8:30-11:30 a.m. Mr. Joe H. suggests opening it up to vendors outside the school, having each class have a table to sell items for classroom funds, as well as tables for donations to be sold to benefit the school. More information will be forthcoming.</p>	
<p>Old Business</p>	<p><u>SAC budget/purchases</u>: \$4116.02 was deposited for our SAC use Purchases: \$1170.09 for decodable texts for P-2 classrooms (approved to spend \$2000); may purchase one more set if the items already purchased (Book Bureau and Tattletales) do not meet our needs No one has yet requested Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector fee subsidization Remaining funds: \$2945.93</p> <p><u>Winter Activity Equipment</u>: No central lending library remains in HRCE. Some HRM Rec centres have snowshoe and snow blade equipment to borrow, but they are not in the central area. This item is deferred to PTO to investigate and/or move forward.</p>	<p>Information MH/RAC.</p> <p>MH/RAC PTO</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Announced DEECD initiatives:</p> <p>a.) <u>Universal Lunch Program</u>: unclear at this time what it will look like at Inglis Street. Survey completed before March break for what is currently available and what we would need to provide lunch on-site; space being in short supply</p> <p>b.) <u>SAC Innovation Fund</u>: Letter from the Minister, Becky Druhan and information regarding the SAC Innovation Fund was distributed and discussed. Short timeline for, with a rigorous application process for initiatives.</p> <p><u>Meeting Dates</u>: May 1st, June 12th (thank you meeting off site)</p>	

Meeting Adjourned 6:55 p.m.

Next meeting: May 1, 2024

Minutes taken by R.A. (Becky) Campbell