



Beaver Bank Monarch Elementary School School Advisory Council

Meeting: November 4th, 2024

In Attendance: Blair MacDonald, Lyle Mailman, Lyndsey Graham, Angel Ryan, Wendy Bell,
Kathryn Arseneau, Erin McInnis, Chelsea Foley, Lisa Taylor

Regrets: Ed Thompson

DISCUSSION ITEMS	Minutes
Call to order:	3:05
Approval of agenda:	
Approval of meeting summary:	
Business arising from the meeting minutes:	
Principal's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Dates Opening Updates 	Future Meeting Dates: Jan. 13 th , April 17 th , June 16 th <u>Opening:</u> -Introductions & welcome to new members SAC Chair- Blair MacDonald Parent Members- Lyle Mailman & Lyndsey Graham Community Member- Erin McInnis, Ed Thompson; (one position unfilled) Staff Members- Angel Ryan, Wendy Bell, Kathryn Arseneau Administration- Lisa Taylor & Chelsea Foley -Review of SAC by-laws & SAC agreement Motion by Lyle to review by-laws & SAC agreement. Conversation among members about adding a Vice Chair to the SAC. Lyndsey Graham suggested that the size of the current SAC group may not warrant

	<p>the need of the Vice Chair position and as Blair MacDonald also pointed out, it is an optional and discretionary position. Conversation tabled to the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Updates:</u></p> <p>Staffing Overview: We are fully staffed. We have 15 classrooms (including 2 PP) and over 40 staff members with over 330 students.</p> <p>Discussed class sizes are reviewed class caps (soft & hard cap). No classes are over cap, several are at cap of just below.</p> <p>PD Day Overview: BBMD teamed up with BBK for the PD day. Teachers in Grades 3-5 met at BBK to work in the area of Mathematics, specifically focussing on computational fluency while teachers in Grades P-2 met at BBMD to receive instruction on the new literacy curriculum being introduced in Term 2 by our ELST teachers.</p> <p>Elementary Literacy Support Teacher (ELST)</p> <p>Position: The ELST role is new to HRCE schools this year. We are fortunate to have 1.5 teachers filling this position at BBMD (Ms. Arseneau & Ms. Dean). They have been busy meeting with teachers, organizing materials, introducing a new P-2 Literacy curriculum, in-servicing new teachers on UFLI, working with small groups, and have also begun to establish literacy workstations in P-2 classrooms.</p> <p>The role of the ELST teacher is to build strength in classroom and Tier 1 instruction- introduce & review the curriculum, model how to teach it, be available to answer questions related to literacy instruction, and provide the resources needed to implement the curriculum appropriately.</p> <p>Math Coach: We currently have a Math Coach (Liza Simpson) in the building supporting 4 teachers/ classes. Much of their work together is focused on the computational fluency aspect of our curriculum.</p>
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	<p>Lunch Program: We have completed one full week of the new lunch program. It hasn't been without hiccups, including the timing of the food arrival and the in-house delivery system, but we have received some positive feedback. Continued efforts are being made to improve the program as it works through its kinks.</p> <p>Discussed the compostable packaging and the distribution guidelines we are bound by that state that meals cannot be kept longer than 2 hours and are to be thrown out after that window & not sent home.</p> <p>Progress Conferences: (Formerly Parent-Teacher Conferences) Term 1 progress conferences will be traditional, in person conferences. They are scheduled for Dec. 5th. More information to come. Second term conferences will be student-led.</p> <p>Book Bureau Order: Awaiting the arrival of book bureau items. Items include a variety of culturally relevant texts to support and enrich classroom literacy instruction and complement the new P-2 literacy curriculum as well as math manipulatives to support our computational fluency math focus.</p>
Purchases update	
Special reports and/or presentations:	<p>Provincial SAC Conference: Blair & Chelsea attended the provincial SAC conference in Halifax in September. Spoke about the day, the guest speakers, breakout sessions, and networking opportunities. Blair interested in reviewing a copy of the success stories shared on behalf of other schools/centres. Admin to speak with school supervisor to try and obtain a copy for next meeting.</p> <p>Remembrance Day Assembly: Our Remembrance Day assembly will be held Friday, Nov. 8th. Communication was shared with families on Friday.</p> <p>Circus Arts Specialist: Our Grades 3-5 students will have an opportunity to work with Kristin Langille, the HRCE Circus Arts Specialist later this month.</p>

Other:	
Next Meeting: Jan. 13th, 2025 Adjournment Time:	