



## LeMarchant-St. Thomas SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC): Minutes

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 4:30pm

### Members Present

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Last Meeting September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### 1. Additions of any other business to the agenda

None.

#### 2. Review and approval of minutes

Members approved the minutes from September 2022 meeting

#### 3. Discussion of New Business

##### **SAC budget spending:**

It was agreed that the remaining money would be spent on the following:

- a) Paying for Mi'kmaq Stories Past and Present 300-
- b) Remainder to go to Scientists in the school

Money had already been allocated towards the visit from the NS Symphony in September.

#### **4. Updates on Old Business**

Update on roof repair: No additional updates

#### **5. Administration Update & Student Success Planning Discussion**

Theme for October is Gratitude.

Students/teachers are focusing on this important value throughout the month. There is a bulletin board outside of the office that is decorated with the eight-pointed star (symbol of the sun) to celebrate the theme and incorporate the Mi'kmaq culture.

Teachers have had students that might demonstrate gratitude fill out their name on a feather. Examples of student's thoughts on gratitude: Friendship, LMST, gym and music, playing. It is also Mi'kmaq history month. Students have been learning about Mi'kmaq traditions and contributions through lessons, stories (Stolen Words, The Talking Stick) and art inspired by Mi'kmaq artists such as Alan Syliboy and Jordan Bennett. Students in grades 3-6 will or have participated in a stream of Mi'kmaq Stories: past and present

A special thank you to the SAC for sponsoring the Nova Scotia Symphony. Students loved the performance, and some are still talking about it.

October 24-31 LMST is participating in International Walk/Wheel to school week. Along with encouraging students to walk/wheel to school there are daily announcements and some extra emphasis on walking/running in Phys-ed classes. This coincides with our LMST fundraiser - walk/dance/read- a-thon.

Librarian- Chrystal Wentzell is on a leave of absence. Liana Nand will replace.

Safety Drills are ongoing in the fall. We have bus evacuation exercises happening in early November. At home testing kits are also still available upon request.

Halloween- Any students wishing to dress up- we are asking that they come to school in a comfortable easy to wear costume

Cross country – both LMST meet and Halifax City meet were well attended by students in grades 3-6. LMST are now number 1.

October important dates

19- Wozzles H/S shopping evening

24-31 LMST walk/read/dance a-thon

Oct 31 P-2 dance-a-thon in the morning

3-6 Walk-a-thon in the afternoon  
25 Nourish your Roots delivery  
27 Primary/1 Apple picking

**6. Set date for next meeting**

November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm