



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

November 15th, 2022, 4:30pm

Members Present

Moira Cavanaugh	Principal	mcavanaugh@hrce.ca
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Regrets

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Last Meeting October 18th, 2022

1. Additions of any other business to the agenda

None.

2. Review and approval of minutes

Members approved the minutes from October 2022 meeting.

3. Discussion of New Business

Play structure replacement talks beginning. Older structure (yellow and red) is too old and must be replaced in the next couple of years. Home and school committee is involved, and Moira has communicated to Wayne Mason. The school is in the process of figuring out what is required to replace the structure (roll of the municipality in removal and sourcing contractors that specialize in play structures) and what the parents (and children) may like in that space as it is a very popular part of the playground. Fundraising for replacement must be started and finding out what grants are available.

4. Updates on Old Business

Update on roof repair: another email sent by Lindsay with no response. Winter is approaching with the possibility of a snowy season. This issue has been brought to the attention of the province and the architect since 2019. A formal letter from the SAC will be drafted to begin the process of escalating the concerns of the school regarding the hazardous roof, will attempt to involve a member of the HRCE for support.

5. Administration Update & Student Success Planning Discussion

Theme of the month is *Respect*. Poster club has distributed posters around the school about respect and Remembrance Day.

Read-a-thon and Dance-a-thon raised over \$12,000. Money will be used to pay for the rest of the 'science at school' and books for class libraries. SAC budget was \$5576: \$1380 to Symphony NS, \$300 to Mi'kmaq stories and \$3896 toward the science class.

Remembrance Day was successful. It was the second assembly in 2 years. Veterans shared stories and there were many Remembrance Day activities.

Report cards go home on November 29th. Adaptations have been shared with parents, these go home with report cards this year but as a separate document. Adaptations are meant to assist students that may have extra learning needs (i.e. Sitting close to the teacher, needing extra time, quiet spaces reminders to wear glasses).

December 1st are parent teacher conferences, parents can book time slots online beginning November 16th.

Practices for holiday concerts are beginning. The (loose) theme is Nova Scotian themed songs for the lower elementary and the 4-6 concert focused on our caring school themes and is titled – "A Better World". Dress rehearsal is December 6th (P-3) and December 7th (4-6) and is for parents and family/friends that cannot attend the concert on the evening of the 7th

Shopping under the stars is December 15-16th, LMST's famous recycled items event. The school will be looking for gently used donations and gift wrap.

Student Success Plan: A math consultant worked with teachers in grades 4-6, suggest 20-30 minute/day practice to increase fact fluency. P-2 teachers have all been trained on the neurolinguistic approach, teaching oral language based on the children's interest and strategies that will work with the students reading, writing and oral recall.

6. Set date for next meeting

January 17th @ 4:30pm