



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

January 16th, 2024, 4:30pm

Members Present

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Regrets

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Last Meeting November 20th, 2023

1. Additions of any other business to the agenda

None

2. Review and approval of minutes

Members approved the minutes from the November 20th meeting.

3. Discussion of New Business

The committee welcomed two new community SAC members Kim Healy and Pearl Mitchell.

4. Updates on Old Business

a) SAC Budget Spending

Symphony NS was chosen by the teachers to spend the remaining SAC budget but the symphony will not be adding more tours this year. The next option chosen by teachers was inviting Rhonda Knubley (previous teacher) art specialist to come to LMST for 2 weeks and do different art projects with the students and teachers. The remaining SAC budget will be used for the Discovery Centre/Scientists in the School (virtual or in person) to come to LMST. Science in schools was highly rated by teachers as well as there are many different classes to choose from and they all come in a box.

b) Update on photography packages

Moira reached out to Liam at Pineapple Studios, Liam will have class photos ready for the students when they have been added to the class gallery

5. Administration Update & Student Success Planning Discussion

The theme for the month of January is empathy.

December P-3 holiday concert theme was Kaleidoscope Kingdom which included songs from around the world. The 4-6 concert theme was Allison finds the sun which was about the winter solstice.

Shopping under the stars raised \$2183.70! This money will go to the Grade 6 closing ceremony and the trip to camp Brigadoon in June.

January 15th was Martin Luther King Day

February is African history month- there will be a trivia announcement everyday in February. Teachers will be focusing their lessons on the many contributions of African Nova Scotians.

Primary French Immersion info session will be January 26th in the evening, HRCE has a slide show and will be answering questions.

February is primary registration month-important to have as many registrants as possible to begin the classroom allocations.

LMST musical Frozen Jr will be February 29th with tickets going on sale the week of February 12th.

Student Success Plan

Hannah Cusack went into some detail about the work put into student well-being. Every 2 weeks there is a classroom visit where they discuss the children's wellbeing and life outside the classroom. The goal is to normalize talking about feelings in an inclusive environment. There is focus around diversity and how families look different, and she also incorporates the use of indigenous breathing exercises (bear, wolf, turtle & eagle).

6. Set date for next meeting

February 20th @ 4:30pm