

SAC Meeting Minutes October 19th

SAC Members

Rosalind Rossi: Principal

Lyndsay Sim(Teacher Member): Vice-Principal

SAC Chair (Parent Member): Lynn Cassidy

Parent Member: Jessica Harper

Parent Member: Brittany Trollope

Teacher Member: Emma Lynch

Teacher Member: Dolores Sentner

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1. **Attendance:** Rosalind Rossi, Lyndsay Sim, Lynn Cassidy, Brittany Trollope, Emma Lynch. Ricki Clark, Dolores Sentner

Regrets: Jessica Harper

2. **Call to Order:** Emma Lynch

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Lynn Cassidy

4. **Education on Discrimination and Racist Behavior**

As a staff we have been working on having discussions and lessons on discrimination and racist behavior. We are learning about the damage this behavior does to those targeted by it and others that witness it, what to do if you are subjected to such behavior or are a bystander and how to be an ally. We are thankful that Shawn Grouse (Head of the Diversity Team at HRCE) has been in to do presentations as well.

5. **Student Success Plan**

Staff reviewed the summary in the SSP plan from 2022-2023 to see the action steps of our Math and Literacy goals that supported student learning last year. During our last staff meeting we determined our Literacy and Math strategies and actions for our Literacy and Math goals.

Literacy Goal: We will improve achievement in literacy for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.	
Cycle 1	
<p>Evidence: How are students doing? How do you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 44% of students at Seaside in the English Program are not meeting reading benchmarks based on classroom reading assessment data. 58% of students at Seaside in the French Program are not meeting reading benchmarks based on classroom reading assessment data. 	<p>Strategy/Actions: What will you do to impact the learning for each of our students?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLP working in classrooms to support teacher use of UFLI resources Small group targeted instruction with a focus on phonological awareness Literacy Coach to support French Immersion teachers on literacy routines, the French reading continuum and workshop model

Mathematics Goal: We will improve achievement in mathematics for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.	
Cycle 1	
<p>Evidence: How are students doing? How do you know?</p> <p>Summary of what improved students performance during last SSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We learned that targeted instruction in fact fluency provides our students with foundational skills that carry through and are applicable in many mathematical situations. We learned that targeted small group instruction in math has a direct impact on fact fluency progression. 	<p>Strategy/Actions: What will you do to impact the learning for each of our students?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fact fluency targeted instruction in whole class, small group and individual instruction. Completion of and use of Math tool kits for each student. Math Coach to support fact fluency instruction

6. SLP & Supporting Phonological Awareness

Our Speech and Language Pathologist is supporting in class instruction of phonological awareness. She works with students and teachers to help facilitate this instruction in classes so the program can then be taken over by the classroom teacher independently. She also provides our staff with an SLP Tip of the Week, to further our instruction in speech and language.

7. Math & Literacy Coaches

We will be receiving support from both a Math and Literacy Coach starting the third week in October. Many staff have volunteered to have coaches work with them. Coaches come into classrooms and in collaboration with the classroom teacher determine instructional practices, strategies and classroom procedures that would most benefit the students in the space.

8. Donations

Several staff have put in donation requests to the Cole Harbour Foundation. They have been incredibly generous to Seaside Elementary. We have received a donation from O'Regan's Automotive Group and the Cow Bay Lions Club is hosting a community breakfast Saturday October 21st. The funds raised will be given to Seaside Elementary School. We are incredibly grateful for the donations and fundraising being done on our behalf! Hats and mittens were donated to the school.

9. Provincial Conference Day

Friday October 27th will be Provincial Conference Day for staff. Staff choose from a variety of professional development opportunities to further develop their instructional practice.

10. Fine Arts Specialists Circus Classes

Our fine arts specialist is putting together an evening of Circus Classes for students. This is scheduled for the evening of November 6th.

11. Remembrance Day Assembly

Our school Remembrance Day Assembly will be held Friday November 10th. We have a small staff committee who have volunteered to put this together.

12. New Business: What is happening with the new lunch program for schools in Nova Scotia. We will discuss SAC funds when they arrive. The SAC members like the photographs provided this year. We will check with photographers that present.

13. Next Meeting Time: November 16th 6:00

14. Adjournment- Emma Lynch adjourned