Portland Estates Elementary School

School Advisory Meeting

Thursday, Feb 1, 2024

1. **Welcome**

Attending: Louise Henman-Poirier, Allison Carter, Scott Craig, Wendi Murray-Jennings, Cheryl Clarke, Chelsey Myers, David Tello, James Langille

Acting Chair: Scott

1. **Review of Agenda**

Motioned: Wendi

Seconded by: Allison

1. **Review of Minutes- January 4**

Motioned: James

Seconded by: Wendi

1. **School Report**
2. Staffing/Enrollment – 383 –

PP- 38 P – 46, 1-54, 2-63, 3-57, 4-60, 5- 65(1)

3 are transferred out but plan to return.

1. NSTU grants- March 1 & 4- Dyslexia

PD will be on site for half of staff on each day

1. Composites & Yearbook

Working on this. Parents had to provide consent but there were a number who did not provide it to the school. Students who have not had consent submitted will be out of the yearbook and composite.

1. Parent/Teacher/PD April 4

IPP and adaptation reviews in February, adaptations and IPP reports as well as Progress reports will be worked on during the Assessment & Evaluation Day after March Break. A meeting was held on Feb 6th with the Disrupting Equities team ( young males who have African Ancestry who are on IPPs).

1. Progress Reports/IPPS/Adaptations- reviews (above)
2. Disrupting Diversity review  (above)
3. African Heritage month:

Africa Arts and culture Soc. will be on Feb 9th for 2 performances, Maritime Center of African Dance will be coming later in the month to Music classes.

1. Coins for Books

Next week, Nickel, toonie, What did you find in the Couch days etc. Will be sent at Tattletales for books to increase classroom libraries.

1. Student teachers

Currently 3 second year teachers from the mount in Primary, Grade 5 and grade 2 (first year student). Gov made announcement 2nd year students can now substitute for classes.

1. Pottery lab field trips

3C and 3DP went this week. Was successful. They made it and will go back to glaze it. All free. Through supp funding from taxes, put on through Fine Arts program.

1. Author – Nancy Rose

Was in working with classes today and next Tuesday.

1. Cafeteria -open

We set up Milk and Pizza Day then the cafeteria is set up. Milk program is $0.40 for a white milk, we charge by the month.

1. Upcoming PTO events – Staff Appreciation, Consignment Sale- Volunteers – O2 students

Staff appreciation lunch, consignment sale. O2 program students may volunteer at PTO events, BBQ dance, paint games, etc.

1. Preprimary FAQs

Fire fighters came in today. PEES will be taking on some new duties with the PP students. Their reporting and planning is different then our student services procedures.

Lunch monitors – we are still looking for more monitors.

1. **New Flag**

Our flag is broken, a new one has been requested from our MP’s office.

1. First day of registration started today, we have 3 new P and 3PP. We would like 2.5 classes for Primary. HRCE will configure how many classes we will need in the fall after multiple uploads.

1. **School Advisory Council**
2. **SSP- Literacy programming – UFLI, Secret Stories, Fundations (Wilson’s), reading volunteers.**

Goal to have all students by the end of Grade 3 meeting reading benchmarks. P 39/46 meeting benchmarks. May not be meeting because of language, speech-language or struggling with other issues or disabilities. Grade 1 36/54 are meeting. Getting reading recovery 1:1 and early lit support in groups and 1:1. Grade 2 58/63 are meeting benchmarks. Grade 3 51/56 meeting benchmarks. 1 is on IPP. 3 new EAL students this month.

Secret stories, UFLI, and Fundations and volunteers are all being used to help students meet benchmarks. Wendi had a student who was very confident in reading recovery and is noticing the difference in the classroom. Also, Cheryl is noting UFLI is helping students gain confidence and work is improving, connections being made. Very positive. Cracking the language code.

1. **January Literacy Data**

See above.

1. **New SAC announcements – follow up**

Increase parent membership is allowed in SAC now. Do we want to look at getting parents from other areas. Parents with students in different grade levels, would be nice. We can accept 6 new people. We can add this into the newsletters and see if anyone would like to join us.

No more follow-up about grants

1. **Intensive French**

Last year we had grade 6s. They moved to Ellenvale. Brookhouse, another elementary that feeds into Ellenvale, had an intensive french program. Do PEES grade 5s have the chance to enroll in the intensive french program or how will it be done for next year? Only Brookhouse students? No answers as of yet how this will roll out.

1. PP

HRCE throughout: Scott has been talking with people about how PP do not have the ability of students past. Students are allowed to do what they want but not connecting that there is a difference in Primary. Maybe speak with Parents and explain the difference of the program. Skills are not at a level where they are ready to learn. PP does not read books, no direction or ready for routines. They are in the same building and they are comfortable saying NO or following teachers direction and instruction. Principals have no say in the PP programing. Maybe an issue to go to with the MLA.

1. Adjournment – Next meeting – March 7,  2024

Motioned: Cheryl

Seconded by: Allison