**Date**: Oct 15, 2023

**Time**: 6:00 P.M.

# In Attendance

**Students:** Grade 7, 8 and 9 Reps

**Parents:** Karen Saweczko; Alina Bozhko

**School Staff:** Beth Landers; Dawne McLellan

**Community Members:** Janet Lee; Folasade Popoola

**School Administration:** B. Anyanwu; A. Ferguson; A. Stone

# Agenda

1. Call to order
2. New Business

2.1 Appointment of SAC Chair and Secretary

2.2 Confirmation of new members

2.3 Brainstorming of spending ideas

1. Reports

3.1 Principal Report

3.2 Student Reports

3.3 New school Report

1. Adjournment: Next Meeting January 17,2024
2. Call to Order

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was held in-person.

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# New Business

2.1 There were no names put forward for SAC Chair, so Karen Saweczko will continue in that role. Members will consider the Secretary position, with Janet Lee suggesting it be held on a rotating basis.

2.2 No names were put forward for the third community member. **PWS Staff** to continue to advertise for a community member. Another election is required for a parent member, as Meenakshi Jayakeerthi has had to step aside. **SAC Chair** to provide template to Ms. **Anyanwu,** who will advertise the position for two weeks. There will then be a distribution of biographies and an election date set.

2.3 The SAC Grant money has been received and must be spent by June 30, 2024. An initial brainstorming session occurred, with some suggestions being:

-EAL teachers have requested IPAD’s for translation services; Chromebooks do not work for this purpose and it supports the ‘No Cell Phone Policy’;

-Translation Pens were also suggested as a possible option;

-U-Fly letters for phonological awareness are being used in the lower elementary classrooms but more are required for each student to have a set;

-Decodable early literacy books are required;

-more Chromebooks are required;

-Extra-curricular equipment for outside use at lunch hour would be useful;

-Assembly guests for P-3 classes.

**PWS Admin to confirm pricing prior to January 2024 meeting.**

# Reports

3.1 Principal’s Report: Enrollment is at 953. There are 37 homerooms, which is an increase of 3 from last year. There are 68 teaching staff and 12 Pre-Primary teachers. 45 students are on allotment for EPA support. There will be no SLP support until the new year due to an extended maternity leave. 3 new photocopiers were installed.

The SSP focuses on literacy, numeracy and student well-being. The Student Survey data should strong relationships with staff. Data is being desegrated to align with HRCE focus. Grade 3 students have settled into the three portable classrooms. Gr 1-3 Literacy is focusing on phonological awareness. Grade P-6 Math fluency, as well as additional support for Grade 8 math. The junior highs are all participating in Integrated Learning all year.

PWS will continue to participate in NSSAF sports. There were assemblies for Remembrance Day, an Arts Performance by the Halifax Theatre on Immigration and MAAD Canada. Late detention continuing for JH students who are tardy, which impacts learning opportunities. Parent-Teacher is scheduled for Nov 23rd. Parental support needed for following driveway rules and ensuring lunch students stay on school property. Lunch monitors are still required. Parents can order lunches from the Lunch Lady and Dominos Pizza through the Healthy Hunger Company. There continue to be a shortage of parking spaces, play spaces and washrooms at PWS.**SAC Chair** to follow up to see if more parking spaces can be cleared and solutions to the washroom issue.

3.2 Students Reports: Grade 9s are meeting milestones in all subjects and completed their unit in volleyball. There is interest in a Grade 9 class trip. Grade 8s and 7s had no points at this time.

3.3 New School Report: Environmental Assessment is with the HRCE but Operations did not respond to request for an update.

Adjourned: 7:10 PM

Next Meeting: Jan 17,2024.