

SAC Minutes
Beaver Bank Kinsac
October 7, 2020

Attendees: Kelly Clarke (Principal), Stacy Allen (teacher), Lynne MacKinnon (teacher), Patricia Sabourin (parent rep), Liesl Newman (parent rep)

Regrets: Candra MacKeen (Vice Principal, off due to injury)

Supporting Student Success

Literacy Goal: Students will demonstrate an improvement in writing with a focus on ideas and conventions.
Math Goal: Students will demonstrate an improvement in problem solving with a focus on number sense.
Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment Goal:

Discussion Items	Minutes
Call to order - WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE IN MI'KMA'KI, THE TRADITIONAL ANCESTRAL TERRITORY OF THE MI'KMAQ PEOPLE.	Kelly acknowledged our Mi'Kma"Ki heritage.
Approval of agenda	Approval moved Seconded by
Approval of meeting minutes	Approved by Stacey Allen Seconded by Liesl Newman
Business arising from the meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership • Lifetouch – Print Shop credit (\$200/yr), \$500 signing bonus over 3 years • Pre-Primary 	Membership: Patricia and Sheryl will inquire with the Fire Dept. for a community member. Kelly will inquire with the Knights of Columbus, Sheryl will inquire with a personal contact within the community. Kelly will follow up with Lifetouch re: credit and signing bonus <u>Pre-primary</u> – Kelly reports that pre-primary classrooms are well stocked. Teacher reps report that the teachers are enjoying the BBK experience. It is great to have the younger students in our school community.

	<p>Kelly reports that dismissal is beginning earlier due to the requirement of belting in the pre-primary students on the bus.</p>
<p>Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing Update – increase in learning center/math coach and behaviour support teacher • Covid rules and routines • Staggered recess and lunch • Walkie Talkies • New parking lot • Water • Curriculum Night • Breakfast Club Donation 	<p><u>Staff</u> – our LC staff has increased. We have additional HRCE staff which have been reassigned to BBK to help with new Covid requirements</p> <p>Beh. Support teacher has been added and supports ends Oct. 15</p> <p>Math Coach (M. Little) – Math coach has been added, unsure at this time if he will remain at BBK, but a request form K. Clarke to keep him has been documented.</p> <p>K. Clark reviewed the 2020-2021 staffing for the year including teaching staff, educational program assistants, and caretaker.</p> <p>Our new caretaker has confirmed her appointment at BBK.</p> <p><u>Music</u> – our music teacher is on a work leave over seas. Our new teacher is Mr. Gaudet which is occurring in class.</p> <p><u>French</u> - now in classrooms</p> <p><u>Gym</u> - outside when weather permits</p> <p><u>Covid rules and routines</u>– Kelly reviewed the recess and lunch schedule. Lunch is now longer (1 hour). Students now have an outdoor second recess. This allows for more movement and socialization.</p> <p><u>Bathroom routines</u> – the limit depends on the scenario: 2 people max at a time, or with cohort, teachers can use discretion (max 5 stalls/students)</p> <p><u>Walkie Talkies</u> – have been purchased for all staff that require them for safety reasons. This cost a significant amount of money, however, it is very much worthwhile.</p> <p><u>New parking lot signage</u> – allows for more student safety and efficiency for busses. Student safety is paramount and the added structure is working well.</p>

	<p><u>Water</u> – water faucets were covered last year while testing took place. Students have access to drinking water via water bottles and hydrologic pumps that each classroom teacher has access. This will be available until the water has passed all testing measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial government website at: www.ednet.ns.ca/water-test-results . • Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) website at: www.hrce.ca/water-test-results . <p><u>Curriculum Night</u>- due to Covid-19 we are not able to have a full curriculum night where parents/guardians tour the school and classroom. Teachers will email/paper copy a curriculum information document on Thurs., Oct. 15. Parents/guardians will be provided with direct links to the curriculum documents.</p> <p><u>Breakfast Club</u> – This is still occurring, however, due to Covid, and the need to prepackage food - the expense for breakfast club has increased. It has been a challenge to provide a nutritional breakfast containing protein which is also economical. Sample items include: granola bars, bananas, clementines, and apple sauce.</p> <p>The Knights of Columbus has provided a \$500 donation to be used toward the breakfast club as a start up for BBK.</p>
<p>Student Success Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review goals and strategies • Provincial Assessments 	<p>Main focus has been school safety.</p> <p>Provincial Assessments – grade 3 assessments will take place May 17-28</p> <p>https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/sites/default/files/documents/2020-2021-PLANS%2809-2020%29.pdf</p>
<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC Grant – How was last year’s money spent? How will we spend this year’s money? 	<p>Tech tubs have been purchased including Chrome Books.</p> <p>\$5 300 have been transferred from the DEECD to SAC’s</p> <p>-K. Clark explained and shared the document from the DEECD. Funds must be spent by the end of March.</p> <p>-3 spending categories: resources to support our school SSP plan, policy implementation and covering SAC operational expenses.</p>

	<p>K. Clarke will email the document outlining criteria to SAC members.</p> <p>Ideas that are most pressing for the school include: technology and Black Lives Matter support funds and materials.</p> <p>SAC is encouraged to speak to the school community to inquire what the communities thoughts are for BBK.</p>
Policy Input	None at this time.
Special reports and/or presentations	None at this time.
Other	<p>Kelly has applied for a maker space grant from the HRCE.</p> <p>Sheryl has applied for a Windmill grant for technology.</p> <p>Other:</p> <p>Question: Where has the Provincial fund for Covid been spent?</p> <p>-Chromebooks rolled out by the DEECD have been focused on purchasing Chrome books for high schools.</p> <p>-Our lunch monitor budget has doubled (7 hours to 14). Each classroom now has a lunch hour.</p> <p>Question – Healthy Hunger, hot lunch program</p> <p>Lunch Lady has been used in the past. Kelly will inquire if a hot lunch program is accessible. Healthy Hunger has not approached our school for inclusion of their program at this time. The key feature is if we have the staff to deliver, pass out food items while still being able to supervise students for safety.</p> <p>Question – Courtesy bus available?</p>

	Parents/guardians have been advocating for bus on Beaverbank/ Kinsac road.
Next Meeting: Date, time Wed., Nov. 4 , 2020 @ 6:00 via Google Meet Adjournment	The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, at 6:00.