

Brookhouse Elementary
School Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday February 5th, 2025

Attendance:

Fran Daigle (Parent, Chair)
Gillian Roseway- (Parent)
D'Arcy Morris-Poultney (Parent)
Melanie Muzzerall (Staff)
Tracey Grouse (Staff)
Belinda Oxner (Community)
Charmaine Willis (Staff)

Principal's Report:

P-2 Literacy- 80% are at grade level (overall)
80 % of ANS students are at grade level
2 out of 3 Indigenous students are at grade level
3-5 Literacy- 85% are at grade level (overall)
64% of ANS students are at grade level
1 out of 2 Indigenous students are at grade level

SSP- Cycle 2- We are currently in cycle 2 of our SSP. In Literacy we are seeing the benefits of having teachers consistently using UFLI. In Math we are focused on computational fluency and collecting data concerning our progress towards this goal. We discussed the ways in which we prioritize ANS and Indigenous students to receive the available supports for both literacy and math.

SAC member suggested that we advertise educational community supports and resources on our school website.

African Heritage Month Presentations/Events-

- Cyndi Cain (ANS Regional Specialist for Halifax Regional Arts) visited the Mrs. Willis' Cultural Programming group on January 31st. The topic was Viola Desmond.

- History of Motown Workshop - February 19th
- The Maritime Centre for African Dance Workshop - February 10th
- Halifax Arts- Class Projects for NS African Heritage Museum
- Nova Scotia African Heritage Museum- February 27-28th

February is Registration Month-

Fire Marshall- All classrooms have adjusted their classroom environment in accordance with the criteria laid out by the fire Marshall.

Lunch Program Update- The lunch program has been running more smoothly in terms of the provider distributing lunches to the classrooms on time. SAC members brought up concern about the quality of the lunches provided. They emailed concerns to the appropriate personnel but have not received any reply. Admin will follow up to ensure they have the proper contact to place concerns.

SAC Grant- Anxiety in Children Workshop will take place on **February 10th** and is now full.

New Business:

SAC structure and Bylaws- Fran shared that moving forward, SAC bylaws can be customized to meet the needs of the school community. SAC will accommodate up to 18 members up to 50% belonging to the parent category.

We will add time to **look at and customize SAC bylaws** to the **agenda for next meeting.**

Closing:

Next SAC date - **Wednesday April 2nd, 2025 @ 6 pm via Teams**