**Bedford South SAC Meeting – Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 6:00 pm**

**Attendance**

Helen Healy (Principal) Shauna Boudreau (VP)

Sarah Rushworth (Chair) Jane Taylor (VP)

Anthony Zadeh Wenjing Wang

Dayle O’Neil Tilak Arora

Philip Okunaiya

Sarah Rushworth (SR) opened the meeting and extended welcome to all

Land Acknowledgement

**Apologies**

Adil Syed

**Administrative Report.**

Additional lunch monitors at school going well -they are doing reading with classes.

Literacy data is looking good primary grade is sitting at 93%. HRCE collects data from P – Grade 2 however school holds the data for Grade 3 -5.

Micro survey for well-being was carried out across 335 children in grades 4 and 5. There was a good response. The results of this micro survey were compared to the large survey that was carried out by HRCE last year. The reason the micro survey was done was that on some areas such as “I feel safe at school/in the playground/in the hallway” we scored lower than expected. Attempts have been made to increase lunch monitors, teacher presence in the playgrounds hence this was an interim survey. A survey was also taken with grades P -2 with a modified rating scale.

It was noted there is a still a decrease percentage of students who said they felt safe in playgrounds/hallways/bathroom. Grade 1 percentage on the question of feeling safe in school was low as well but this was thought to be attributed to recent fire and lock down drills.

There are now more teachers present in the hallways, sign in/out sheets to go to the bathrooms and peer helpers (grade 5 students\_ who are part of the Student Leadership program.

The survey will be repeated again in June.

Most items have arrived now on the wish list – in addition cookie sheets and magnetic letters have been provided to each teacher.

School handed out glasses for the solar eclipse, bookcases have been placed in the modular buildings, new novel sets have arrived for the library. Ducks and chicks are due to hatch.

There are a couple of grade trips planned for primary and grade 5.

The theatre group is bringing a show to the school -there will be 3 sittings.

The planetarium is also coming to the school

There will be a primary orientation for new students attending the school in May.

**Resignation of SAC Members**

It was noted that Shelly Bembridge and Erik Lang have resigned from the SAC. Emails were addressed to the SAC chair regarding this and the rest of the SAC were notified by the Chair. Helen Healy (HH) has identified a member of staff who is keen to join the SAC. This will be discussed at the Staff meeting and she will be welcomed to the next meeting in June.

**Nine Mile Drive Development**

HH has received an email regarding a new development in our school catchment area. There is a proposed development and extension of Nine Mile Drive to Moirs Mill and Ahmadi Crescent. There will be new housing developments off this extension. This will increase the number of families in the area and all children will fall into the Bedford South catchment area. Philip Okunaiya (PO) noted the strain on the school with the current boundaries. It was noted that there may be more teacher allocation based on our numbers in June when HRCE decide on allocation. Last year our allocation was based on the soft cap and an extra teacher was allocated then, and again in September. It was noted that extra staff would be needed if the numbers continued to rise.

**School Photos**

HH has had interest from Lifetouch and Bluenose photography. Neither company has provided a price list though for parents. Dayle O’Neil noted that price was a major influencing factor in school photographs. HH emphasised the importance of booking a date for school photographs as soon as possible. SR will email the companies asking for their information packages including pricing so a decision can be made.

**SAC end of year report**

SR reminded everyone that the end of year report was due by June 30th. She asked to have an up to date list of items bought with the HRCE funds ($5630) for the year as this needs to be included in the report. The report is a reflection of the work of the SAC throughout the year.

**Any Other Business**

**Innovation Grant**

It was noted that there is an innovation grant for $10,000 available. Applications by April 18th. Various topics for innovation were discussed such as leaderships and safety. It was proposed using the arts to promote student wellbeing and safety may be an innovative way to improve the feelings of safety at school resultant from the micro survey Using the mediums of play, art, dance, music would be an inclusive way of promote self confidence, self awareness and safety. The SAC will work together to draw up a proposal for the Innovation grant.

**New Chair**

SR will be stepping down as chair after completing 3 terms on the SAC (1 as parent representative and 2 as Chair)

Traditional existing parent representative are encouraged to step into the Chair role.

SR has asked the existing parent representative to thin about whether they would be willing to take on that role. The Handover meeting is September 2024.

**Next meeting JUNE 11th 2024 – IN PERSON at 6pm**