**Bedford South SAC Meeting – Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 6:00 pm (in person)**

**Attendance**

Helen Healy (Principal) Shauna Boudreau (VP)

Shelley Bembridge Sarah Rushworth (Chair)

Jane Taylor (VP) Erik Lang

Wenjing Wang Dayle O’Neil

Anthony Zadeh

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

**Apologies**

None received

**New member Welcome and Introductions**

SR welcomed the new parent parents and outlined the role and responsibilities of the SAC. Introductions were made around the table for familiarity.

**Administrative Report.**

Helen Healy (HH) presented the Administrative Report. She started with the SSP (Student Success Plan) goals of Math, Literacy and Student Wellbeing. These are key area which the school work towards through their curriculum. There is a monthly SSP meeting with teachers to ensure these goals of fluency in these areas are met.

Goals are being set to improve math fluency from P -5

Data sets are being used to monitor the progress and help focus goals for each grade year.

There is a goal of improving student writing as well as it was noted that although reading is a key goal, writing had slipped.

Caring Schools is being used to enhance student well-being. Students will have circle time where they have the opportunity to discuss current events and their impact, share experiences and build community within their grades.

There were many activities around the Stand Up for Bullying Day which was successful as well as the Terry Fox run. It was noted Curriculum night was well attended. There has been a school Lockdown and a hold and secure completed with assistance from the police. School photographs are available for order.

School lunches have been introduced again. The Lunch Lady seems to have been successful and will continue. The pizza days have been incredibly successful and there have been some organisational issues. The main problem was the overwhelming success of ordering which was not anticipated. More volunteers are needed for further pizza days to go ahead. SR said the HAS could help advertise this.

**WISH List**

Funding has been confirmed for a wish list. There will be $5000 plus $1 per student registered at June 30th 2023. Shelly Bembridge (SB) will be setting up the list for teacher asks.

**Additional Funding Letter.**

Since the last meeting there has been a growing number of registrations of new students at school. Already there has been a classroom shuffle and funding has been allocated for one new teachers and also an extra !0% EAL assistant as well. However we know that there will be many new registration after September 30th and already there are 12 classes at hard cap.

A letter was sent to Susan Tomie at HRCE to highlight our growing concern over the increased number of students and underfunding for staff by way of teachers and also support staff. It was highlighted there are at least 34 different language spoken at school and many teachers have multiple students who do not have English as a fist language. Their time is being split between supporting this children, teaching and bringing all student to the same level which is an impossible task and the students ultimately suffer as there is one teacher per class and not enough support staff to go around.

There has not yet been a response from Susan Tomi to our letter. It has not been acknowledged yet.

SR will chase down ana acknowledgement by the end of the week and ask for a formal response.

Dayle O’ Neil (DoN) suggested that we may need to widen the knowledge of this situation to the wider school community for greater awareness and support from more parent members.

It was also noted there are many residential developments in the school catchment area which will also impact numbers as well

**Any Other Business**

**Cameras**

HH confirmed cameras will be going up around the modular and it has been agreed that there will be cameras around the back of school as well.

**Community Member**

We are still looking for a community member to join the SAC. It was suggested that Tilak Arora might be an addition – he was the school previous YMCA worker and knows the local community really well.

**Safety**

Staff have had some safety concerns around the playground and soccer. This is being addressed within staff meetings at school.

**Next Meeting**

November 14th 2023- 6pm VIRTUAL Meeting on Zoom

**Rest of the year meetings**

December – no meeting

January 9th – VIRTUAL meeting – 6pm via Zoom

February – NO MEETING

March – No Meeting - Spring Break

April 9th – IN PERSON meeting – 6pm in school

May – NO Meeting

June 11th – Meeting in conjunction with the HSA – 6 pm in school

An extraordinary meeting can be called in February and May if needed but none are scheduled.