

## **Arnold H. McLeod PSSC**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30

Time: 6:30pm

Attendance: Sheila Johnston, Dominic Vautour, Becky Toogood, Marisa Jeffrey, Lydia Hawkins, Byron Rayne, Tricia Smith, Lisa Bryenton, Wendy White, Heather Tizzard.

Next Meetings: February 24<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, May 26<sup>th</sup> (all at 6:30pm)

### **Old Business**

#### ***School Improvement Plan Update***

- Numeracy
  - Staff gathered in September to come up with math literacy goals.
  - Meeting conducted on December 13<sup>th</sup> to review plan with District.
  - Math Flex
    - Scores had been going down.
    - Trying not to pigeon hold kids.
    - Offered afterschool PL (renumeration + supper)
    - Each teacher got a textbook on mathematic tasks (Mine the Gap)
  - Numeracy support:
    - Diana Burke (math lead) will be here for six to eight weeks.
    - Re-evaluations at the end of school year through district formative assessments.
- Literacy
  - EGRA assessment tool:
    - Rolled out Kindergarten to grade 2 last year.
    - Rolled out to grades 3 to 5 this year.
  - UFLI is being used well in grades 3 to 5.
  - Academic supper Teacher:
    - Co-teachers mainly in English.
    - Working with approx. 20 students weekly.
    - Building blocks of reading program has been completed by all teaching staff.
    - Books have been purchased for school decodable in English/French.
- New Steps
  - Streamline and simplify behaviour tracking tool.
  - Update attendance tracking.
    - Distribute letters to parents on attendance totals of child.
  - Continue to strength literacy and numeracy results.

### ***Lunch Subsidy Program Update***

- Original goal of \$50,000 required from AHM to continue program.
- AHM has been notified the program will be now covered 100%.
- All fundraising profits can now be utilized on new priorities.

### **New Business**

#### ***Student and Staff Perception Survey Review***

- Conversation on using AI tools in classroom, for both teachers and students.
- Teachers currently involved in student improvement planning.
- The AHM ESS team will be prioritizing classroom visits with feedback.
- Require additional support for our EAL staff.
  - Can they get an ESTEAL.
  - What is AHM currently % of EAL.
- Technology in the classroom.
  - Discussion on screentime during lunch.
- Peer-Teaching evaluating
  - In late Jan a phys-ed lead will be offering extra gym time to classes so teachers can observe the district math lead.

#### ***Open Teaching Positions***

- Current Roles:
  - Grade 2 FI – difficult to fill.
  - K – 5 math and literacy int. – lack experience
  - Next fall, more leads – anyone can apply.
- New HR Hire – less unfilled positions.
- What can be done to assist:
  - People aren't aware, brainstorm ideas.
  - Cycle of over abundance.
  - Post on social media about positions.

### **From the floor**

- Upcoming PSSC workshop
  - Meeting to be held in March or April
  - Actively looking for a few more PSSC members.
  - Follow up information on workshop to be available during February 24th meeting.
- Fill the bus
  - Big congrats to AHM who won this year for Elementary School.