

**Atlantic View Elementary School  
School Advisory Council  
Meeting Summary - November 18, 2021**

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In attendance	Regrets
Carole DesBarres (Principal) Lisa Nicholson (Vice-Principal) Shaunna McNamara (Chairperson) Bernice McKenzie (Secretary) Margaret Sellers (Community Member) Natalie Vezina (Community Member) Lianna Fields (parent)	Abigail MacEachern (Parent) Jennifer Eamer (Parent) Renee Curry (Teacher)

Call to Order: 6:37pm

Approval of Agenda: Margaret Sellers

Approval of previous meeting's summary: Bernice McKenzie (Secretary)

\*\*2 name changes (Spelling of Vezina, adding last name Sellers and Public input was from Shaunna not Bernice)

Business arising from meeting summary:

- **Water Update:** The water continues to be tested on a regular basis for copper and lead. (All schools on a well have regular testing.) They are currently testing regularly for arsenic and bacteria in our water. We continue to test positive for arsenic and will continue to use bottled water in our school.

School Improvement Plan Update:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Literacy Goal:</b> Students will demonstrate improvement in reading accuracy and fluency with an emphasis on deeper comprehension.</li><li>○ <b>Math Goal:</b> Students will demonstrate improvement in number sense with a focus on representing and partitioning whole and decimal numbers.</li><li>○ <b>Well Being:</b> To continue to support and improve student well-being at Atlantic View.</li></ul> |
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- **P-2 Literacy Priority:** As a school we are focusing on literacy from primary to grade 6. The board has a direct focus on primary to grade 2 literacy achievement; the HRCE goal is for all students in primary to 2 be reading at grade level. Teachers are continuing to collect and recording reading achievement for each month. For October, it was recording 'meeting' or 'not meeting' and November collection will be represented with a reading levels. From September to now, we are showing reading progress in all grade levels. Classroom teachers have just write reading material in their classrooms and we are using any extra time available with teachers and support staff to be reading with students in P-2.

New Business (current items):

- **Membership:** discussion of new members
- **AED:**

Automated external defibrillator: These devices are now in every school and are very easy to use. Carole gave a demonstration of what the system/machine looks like and they ease of using. Our AED machine is located outside the main office door, there is an alarm on the door when opened.

- **Pandemic Update:**

We are doing well within our school community. We still continue to follow public health guidelines related to COVID. We are reminding students of proper hand washing, social distancing and wearing masks properly. The pandemic has impacted in person parent teacher but we will be having online Google MEETS or contacting by telephone at the preference of the family. We will not be having an in person Christmas concert this year but we will be doing something virtual for students online.

#### Special Reports or Presentations:

- **Remembrance Day/Wall of Remembrance:**

The Remembrance day service was well received by the students and staff at Atlantic View as well as legion members. We had an online service where each class participated in poetry, art and readings. We had a wreath laying ceremony at the front of the office virtually and a teacher laid a wreath at the Porters Lake cenotaph on behalf of Atlantic View Elementary. A donation was made to the poppy campaign on behalf of Atlantic View Elementary.

We have our wall of remembrance and what a Poppy means to me, many students from primary to grade 6 completed an activity with families about what a poppy means to them. These writing pieces are displayed outside our office wall and we are reading a few each morning. The students enjoy hearing stories about what Poppies mean to others.

**Choir:**

Choir is being offered to grade 3 students from the HRA department. This program is very well received by grade 3 students and families. It is a wonderful addition to Atlantic View.

- **Outdoor Learning Space:**

The outdoor learning space development is underway. They have confirmed the location and Work should start in the next few weeks. This work should be complete within two days.

**Public Input:** Lianne told us about the 'Strong Start Program', it is volunteer lead and is based out of Ontario more information can be found at [strongstart.ca](http://strongstart.ca).

**Next Meeting Date and Time:** January 20, 2022 at 6:30pm

**Adjournment:** 7:20pm