

**Atlantic View Elementary School  
School Advisory Council  
October 21, 2021**

*Please note: Meeting Summaries are recorded for public distribution (posted on School Website after being approved by the SAC).*

<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Regrets</b>
Carole DesBarres (Principal) Lisa Nicholson (Vice-Principal) Shaunna McNamara (Chairperson) Bernice McKenzie (Secretary) Renee Curry (Teacher)	Abigail MacEachern (Parent) Margaret (Community Member) Jennifer Eamer (Parent)

Call to Order: 6:29pm

Approval of Agenda: Renee Curry, Seconded by Lisa Nicholson

Approval of previous meeting's summary: Bernice McKenzie, Seconded by Renee Curry

Business arising from meeting summary:

- **Outdoor Learning Space Update**  
-Carole: We are in the third pod (group) of constructions for timeline, they are currently working on the second pod of construction. The construction is projected to happen in the first week of December. The previously discussed footbridge is now included in the construction plans and will be located near the grassy area near the woods. Work will be complete after school hours and should be complete in about 3 days of construction.
- **SAC Membership – Community Member**  
- Shaunna: Natalie Veszina is interested in joining our SAC and will join the next meeting. She is very excited and looking forward to joining our SAC.

School Improvement Plan Update:

- **Literacy Goal:** Students will demonstrate improvement in reading accuracy and fluency with an emphasis on deeper comprehension.
- **Math Goal:** Students will demonstrate improvement in number sense with a focus on representing and partitioning whole and decimal numbers.
- **Well Being:** To continue to support and improve student well-being at Atlantic View.

- **P-2 Literacy Priority**

Carole:

-The first round of data has been collected, primary students have been excluded but will be a part of future rounds of data collection. In lower elementary it has been identified that more than 50% of our students are not meeting grade level expectations. (It is believed that this is due to COVID and is consistently reported across schools in NS)

-The next round of data collection on reading will be collected the end of October. We are currently looking at students that are not meeting, comparing data to June report cards and looking at closing reading gaps.

-We currently have a SLD teacher supporting students and the support of a literacy coach for 5 weeks supporting three classroom teachers. These supports will add an extra layer of support for read levels in the classroom.

- **Literacy Coach**

- We currently have literacy coach for 5 weeks supporting three classroom teachers (Mrs. Mercer, Ms. Scott and Mr. Greene)

#### New Business (current items):

- **Student Protection Policy**

- Carole:

- Copies of the policy were distributed to the SAC members and discussed.

- It was discussed that HRCE employees will need to complete an annual offence declaration by Dec 10, 2021 and a criminal record check every five years. (More information to follow as it becomes available)

- **Water Update**

- Carole:

- Last year water test was complete and lead and copper were identified, we then switched to bottled water for the schools drinking supply.

- End of the summer 2021, two water bottle fill-up stations were installed. In September before school started the water was re-tested and did not pass. Filters were then installed in the water coolers and re-tested but did not pass again. This time it was indicated that there was arsenic in the water (letter received in October). The school continued through the process to use bottled water but now we included warning signage around any running water and now all food preparation is done with bottled water. The water is safe for handwashing.

- **Halloween**

- Carole/Lisa:

- A class communication was sent home indicating that there will be learning activities focused around Halloween. Class celebration will happen and the school will be providing a treat for the students.

- **Remembrance Day**

- Lisa:

- We are partnered with the Legion and Mrs. Nicholson has created an online school virtual presentation/slideshow. It will be student lead and include videos from students and veterans. The theme this year will be around the meaning of a poppy.

- We will also be considering the wall of honor again, possible with the theme of the meaning of a poppy to students and families. (Parent input is to connect the themes)

- **Pandemic Update**

- Carole:

- We have been good so far in terms of COVID in our school, there have been no known cases. We continue to practice social distancing when possible, we do not group classes together in the school (no assemblies) and we are constantly reminding, checking and praising for proper face mask wearing.

- We still have a large supply of homemade donated masks, the kids love the variety and designs of these donated masks.

- All staff will be required to be vaccinated and the school will be collecting data to staff vaccination (more information to follow once available)

#### Special Reports or Presentations:

All:

Discussion around upcoming Seaside Christmas on the Eastern Shore.

**Event Date:** Fri, 2021-11-19 10:00 - Sun, 2021-11-21 17:00

**Location:** The Eastern Shore.

Information links:

[https://seacoasttrail.com/drupal/sites/default/files/2021SeasideChristmasBrochure\\_V2.pdf](https://seacoasttrail.com/drupal/sites/default/files/2021SeasideChristmasBrochure_V2.pdf)

### Public Input:

Bernice:

Questions around breakfast program start up and the breakfast room

Carole: Due to concerns of COVID we cannot cohort students in the breakfast room as we would be required to record all students entering the room for potential contact tracing (increasing the potential for spread across classrooms if a COVID case was identified). If we were to move towards preparing breakfast items for students we would also need to consider a delivery model for breakfast items to classrooms - which would potentially require pre-ordering (similar to our hot lunch program). As a school, we are currently offering students a variety of breakfast options (cheese strings, apple sauce, apples and baggies of multigrain cereal) upon arrival in the morning and in the classrooms. We will keep monitoring the situation and possible options.

**Next Meeting Date and Time:** November 18, 2021 @ 6:30pm (in person unless change is communicated)

**Adjournment:** 7:38pm