**Ocean View Elementary School Advisory Council**

**Minutes**

**October 8, 2024 - 7:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Attendance:** Andrea Temple, Christine Ramey, Keri McLeod, Liam MacLeod, Heather Boucher, Cheryl MacMillan, Breanna Urquhart, Glen Carabin

**Regrets:** Andrea Anderson

**Observer:** Christine Dennie, Robin Nickerson

Agenda items:

Overview of first SAC Conference:

* First ever annual SAC conference held Sept 27th at the Nova Centre, Principal (Andrea Temple) and chair (Christine Ramey) attended on behalf of OVE.
* Province wide conference with participation from all regional centres for education and French language school board.
* Agenda was as follows attached. For breakout sessions please note following: Andrea attended SAC’s Roles, Responsibilities, and Membership, Christine attended Funding for School-Based initiatives. In the afternoon both Christine and Andrea attended Understanding Policy Development. Once the presentations are posted online they will be sent out to the committee members.
* Innovation fund highlighted at the funding breakout session with additional information during the networking session – Key things to note: 2024/2025 grants already decided, 2025/2026 grant application information to come in winter. Approvals of previous grants mostly given to: inclusion/accessibility, out of classroom learning – focus on one or more items from SSP. When applying consider feasibility, timeline (funds all to be used on one year), and linking to schools SSP. Student + community input helps. Consider challenges – health and safety, note all expenses and how future expenses will be paid. If cost more than 10,000 where will be come from? Key word, innovative!
* Safe and Inclusive Schools session: focus on solutions for violence and rewrite of the code of conduct to support changes. Input asked from all tables on violence definition.

Funding for 2024/2025

* SAC funding still pending, historically $5000 per school + $1 for each student based on Sept 30th enrollment – Principal to share once received
* SSP grant has arrived $750 + $1 for each student
* Review of previous spending for new member/observers – tech, chairs, GaGa ball pit, math and reading supplies.

Principal Report

* 14 classes with some room to grow in them, no school reconfiguration required this year as school was able to stay at 14 classrooms
* 3 pre-primary classes – 19 average per class.
* 3 ½ learning centres
* 17 ½ EPA’s supporting Primary-Grade 3
* 2 ELST’s, new role (Elementary Literacy Support)
* Math support teacher back – split with south woodside elementary
* SSP Goals: Literacy, Math & Wellbeing – more to be covered in next meeting on this
* Oct 11th PD day
  + P-2 to focus on literacy
  + 3 to focus on math with Horizon elementary
* Focus for this year will continue to be on writing due to previous low scores, will be linking reading and writing in subjects as they can.
* Curriculum to be rewritten, new documents will be available in second term for this. Changes are to come from previous report card analysis + provincial testing
* Message from the top (Steve Gallagher), we are in service of students
* SAC currently -$122 from last year
* Staff are currently setting individual goals

New Business:

* Question from Heather: How can SAC advocate for policy change? SAC’s are typically engaged when change is taking place to give feedback on policies before they launch. Andrea to take this away to see if SAC can advocate for change to policy when it isn’t already been reviewed.
* Christine to post on community site for additional community member, with focus on diversity.

Next Meeting: November 5, 2024. 7PM.