

Chebucto Heights Elementary

School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2022

Present: Tanya Conrad, Sean Sangster, Dawn Myra, Anisa Ramoutar, Heather Lynch, Kate Newton, Craig Myra, Cynthia Rigby, Liz Struijff-Mandishora

Regrets: Jennifer Falkenham, Chris Harding, Chike Obieme, Glenda Tran

1. Call to Order: 7:06pm
2. Overview of Function of School Advisory Council
3. Review letter of agreement and Bylaws for 2022-2023 – To be signed off on for next meeting.
4. Membership for 2022-2023 Update – Two Positions to Fill
5. SAC Funds for 2022-2023 School Year: Use 2021-2022 HRCE SAC Spending Report to Explore Options
6. Principal Report:

- **School Start Up**

- First day of school and soft start – very smooth
- Back to normal – opening assembly
- Reconfiguration in both ENG and FI – created mid-month transition period (11 ENG Classes and 5 FI Classes)

- **Student Success Planning**

- **System Wide Goal:** All students in HRCE will be reading at grade level by the end of grade 2. Chebucto Heights will continue modified goal – all students will be reading at grade level.
- **Literacy Goal:** Students, using the reciprocal relationship between reading and writing, will demonstrate improvement in the areas of critical thinking, organization, and language use.
- **Mathematics Goal:** Students will demonstrate improvement in number sense with a focus on partitioning and representing numbers.
 - **Three Strategies for each:**
- High quality classroom instruction with a focus on small group instruction
- Assessment practices – using learning targets and performance indicators to monitor learning
- Teacher collaborative – working within teacher teams to create intervention model to support student learning. This is most difficult strategy under certain public health restrictions.
- Fall Data collection with reading has started last month. We will have two data sets prior to October 25th.

- School data wall moved to staff room and HRCE has modified input site to support teachers. There is now a section on next steps.
- CLT Days for all teachers to work with October Literacy Data
- Reading scores in September indicated a slide in some students from June. This was something we expected. October data will give us a better indication of where students are.
 - Action Steps
 - Relocation of Tier One Support School Wide (Resource, literacy Support, Math Support Teacher) to maximize impact –We have redesigned our Teaching and Learning Support Teams to streamline support for teachers.
 - More emphasis on classroom reading (books in hands)
 - Jumping more quickly this year out of pattern texts
 - Home reading program for every student
- **School Climate**
 - Postcards
 - School wide field trip
 - Theme days
 - Lunch Programs (Mad Science, Art Therapy, Girls Group, Intramurals)
 - Student of the Month and Multiple other assemblies
 - Morning Affirmation
 - Creative school side initiatives (Stand up to Bullying Day & Halloween Bingo)
- **Other**
 - Curriculum Night in September – High Participation
 - City Playground
 - Lower Courtyard Play Structures
 - Breakfast Program is running 5 days a week
 - Canteen and hot lunch program starting in next two weeks
 - Family Dance October 27th

7. Next Meeting: November 24, 2022

8. Meeting Adjourned: 7:50pm