Millwood Elementary School Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday February 19, 2025 6:30 pm

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Business **Chair: Michelle Barnhill** **Note taker: Nancy McNeil**

**Membership/Attendance:**

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| Parent Members | Community Members | Staff Members | Administration | |
| Michelle Barnhill  Emily MacLeod  Susan Harris (x)  **Guests :**  Pamela King | Lynn Parsons (X)  Joann Nolan (X) | Traci George  Angie MacAloney (X)  Nancy McNeil | | Michelle Andrews  (Principal)  Christine Richardson  (Vice Principal) (X) |

**Record of Decisions:**

| Agenda Items | Summary | I-Information  D-Decision  A-Action |
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| 1. **Approval of the Agenda/Approval of minutes**   Lead: Michelle B. | Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm  The approval of January’s minutes was first done by Ms. Andrews and seconded by Emily. | I  D |
| 1. **Items Brought Forward**   Lead: Michelle B. | None at this time | I |
| 1. **Principal’s Report / SSP Update**   Lead: Michelle A. | Literacy Day  We celebrated Literacy Day on January 27. Students were invited to dress as their favorite book character on that day. We had Stop, Drop and Read several times throughout the day. On February 12, the SOS held an event called For the Love of Reading. Unfortunately the event was not well attended however the weather at the time was not good. Eric from the Public Library was present and read with the students that did attend the event.  CYCP  We now have a new CYCP at MES. Gillian Blaney started with us mid-February and is currently working out of the empty classroom upstairs. She has been spending her time visiting classrooms and getting to know students.  African Heritage Month  The theme of this year’s celebration is ‘Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance’. Different members of the local African Nova Scotian community have been highlighted daily in the announcements as well as the monitor in the hall by the main office. There has also been daily trivia for student on the announcements. There will be an AHM assembly at the end the month. During the assembly all classes will be performing an African song along with dance moves. A student in Grade 5 who is from Nigeria is also going to be sharing about life and traditions from Nigeria.  School Success Planning  Literacy: We are now in Cycle 2 of our plan. Staff are participating in more intentional conversations with respect to writing. Writing is the focus during this phase and looking at the reciprocity between reading and writing.  Math: Teachers are still focusing on fact fluency and problem solving. Grade 3 teachers and students are also preparing for the assessment in the Spring.  A lockdown drill practice was successfully held on Tuesday February 18.  Weather had prevented students from playing outside for most of this week due to the unsafe icy conditions on the school property.  Teachers will have an Assessment and Evaluation Day on March 7 for working on Term Two report cards. | I  I  I  I |
| 1. **Wellness Update**   Lead: Christine | The week before March Break MES will be celebrating a Spirit Week. Each day will have a theme. These themes will be decided by the Social Committee. |  |
| 1. **SOS**   Lead: Joann | No update. | I |
| 1. **Other Business**   Lead: Michelle | Community Members needed for SAC  Ms. Barnhill and Ms. MacLeod shared that Amanda Guitard and Pam King have volunteered to become Community Members of our School Advisory Council. Ms. Barnhill will reach out to them and formally invite them to our next meeting. | **I** |
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**Next Meeting: Wednesday April 23, 2025 (in person)**