

Mount Edward Elementary School
School Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2023

1. **Call to order; attendance** - Present: Lori Bartkiw, Cindy Coffin Were, Gena Banfield, Kim Fraser.
Regrets: Karen Soeder, Candance Bambury
2. **Approval of minutes**
 - a. Brett Parsons, moved and Kim Fraser seconded. Approved.
3. **Principal Report**
 - a. Shared copies of the bylaws - Lori asked for all to review for the next meeting. We are required to have a signed copy on hand. The only issue that stands out is that we do not allow for diversity. Of course we can always include diversity members (such indigenous, African Nova Scotian) however this may be something we should be concerned about.
 - b. Equity Team - Otis Daye came to our staff meeting to begin the process of creating an Equity Team. We are working toward creating a team approach to deal with preventive in mind, not only reactive when Inequity issues arise.
 - c. February Registration began today. We won't see as many in-person registrations as they are mostly completed online and with the pre-primary students already registered for grade primary. Out of Area requests will open in April but decisions will not be filled until June.
 - d. Maggie Sullivan (School Counsellor) is starting to work on transitioning to Eric Graves which is also her school.
 - e. Grade 6 provincial assessments just arrived and will be going home next week.
 - f. Leah Tagliapietra - 100% EPA retired yesterday. Gena Banfield has moved into that 100%, Violet Johnson moved up to 80% and now we are in the process of hiring a 50%.
 - g. Kindness Assembly - last Friday of the month, including a spirit day and ice cream sandwiches fundraiser for grade 6s . Students are engaged in this initiative. We started handing out kindness coupons when we "catch" students being kind. This will also help us with our SSP goals for wellness. We are working on the general climate of the school.
 - h. Yoga - Ms. Sullivan and Amanda Hatch (our CYCP worker and trained yoga teacher) are planning on doing some introduction to yoga with all classes.
 - i. Breakfast Program - we asked for \$500 and received \$1 500 that has to be spent by March 31st. We are going to try to get a variety of ideas for different options for students.
 - j. Field Trips - we are trying to do some sport type activities. We are looking at taking the 5-6s to curling to CFP Halifax, P-2 to Titans and now trying to look for 3-4s but waiting to see if the Swim to Survive which would be 3 weeks of basic safety swimming.
4. **Financial** - no change. The price of chromebooks has increased and therefore we have only ordered 20. The money has not been removed from the SAC account until after the chromebooks have been delivered.
5. **New Business** - no new business
6. **Meeting adjourned.**
7. **Next meeting** set for April 5, 2023, 6:00pm