

Brunswick SCC October Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2023 6:30pm

Attendees: Virginia Zimmer, Jenny Mason, Brittany McLean, Jessica Fahlman, Lanah Hawker, Allison Enns, Erinn Stoll, Christina Prybylski, Jodi Allen Corbett, Lisa Burke, Subhashini Kumar, Sathish Kumar, Stacey Lair

Chair: Christina Prybylski

Secretary Interim: Jodi Allen Corbett

Call to order: 6:15pm

1. Stacey Lair presentation

- Introductions - round table
- Advise school board of school context/involvement with the school board
- Changed Administrative Policies
 - Feedback requested
 - Will not be approved until March
- SCC Handbook 2023
 - Located on NESD website - for reference
 - What does SCC do? Pg. 4
 - Shared responsibility for learning success and well being of children
 - Facilitate and encourage parent and community engagement
 - Advise and advocate - to the board and to the school
 - Challenge is to have representation and bring in people from the community to ensure everyone has a voice
 - Responsibilities: Advise and have a voice on: i.e.: language in school, religion
 - Financial Responsibilities Pg. 13
 - What is the intent of the grant from the provincial government?
 - Student and staff recognition: not intended to be for individual recognition i.e.: staff farewell gift
 - Should align with the strategic plan and goal i.e.: wellness
 - Try and keep the monetary nature out of it
 - See list on page 13 re: purpose of funds
 - NESD strategic map
 - Gathered feedback from stakeholders
 - Board of Education approved on Sept. 19th
 - Strategic Imperative: Our students and staff have a positive sense of wellbeing and are engaged - everyone feels good and wants to dig in MUST DO, CAN'T FAIL
 - Vision: NESD create safe, inclusive, academically excellent learning experiences for all
 - Values: Connection, Inclusion, Innovation, and Empowerment
 - This top part of the map feeds the goals and actions on the bottom part
 - Learning Experiences - Relationships
 - Growth and Achievement - K to 3 Math
 - Wellbeing - Self-Reg: all behavior is communication

- It is extremely powerful to have students understand their own self-regulation and what they need to be able to learn. It is unfortunate when students feel they are "bad" kids
- Administrative Policy
 - School Community Council is not permitted to fundraise - this AP will be going to the board
 - Establish and maintenance of School Community Council AP- policy was dated. Feedback is needed on this.
 - Student Fees AP- data has been collected from schools, what is money been collected for? How have SCCs advised this? Feedback is need on this. This will stay in draft form until late spring and come into effect next school year.
 - Review policies as a SCC and use QR code to provide feedback to Stacy. Please add to an agenda in a month or two.
- Communication
 - Facebook used as communication tool for SCC - we have to have a way to mitigate the risk. NESD has an "enterprise" account which "holds" control and safety for FB accounts. Any SCC FB group needs to be set up under this. Admin needs to have ability to advise what is being posted. There is an area of the handbook for guidelines around this. FB MUST adhere to privacy and cannot post pictures of students.
 - SCC Edsby Group - support Edsby engagement as an SCC. Please use FB pages to promote the importance of Edsby as a tool for engagement, student voice etc. There is learning and growing to do, together!

3. Admin Report

- General Information Update
 - Enrolment is 235 students
 - Staffing updates:
 - no new teaching staff
 - EA's: we have closed our last position but have been functioning short for the entire month of September
 - we are still currently short 2 spots per week for lunch supervision
 - School pictures were on Sept. 25 and 26 with picture retakes October 24
 - Family Picnic was September 25 with many families coming to eat lunch at school
 - Orange Shirt day: school-wide, week long activities organized by Jon Scott and Diane Cote. Some of the learning included picture book read alouds, visual arts, counting in Cree, and a round dance
 - Teacher Convention on Oct 2 focused on Truth & Reconciliation and was at MUCC
 - First Pre-K family day was today (October 3)
- Grade 6 Inter-School Activity Wednesday, October 4: outreach workers are supporting Grade 6's in getting to know each other before transitioning to MUCC (this was feedback from our students last year on Our School survey)
- October 9-no School
- SLC's on October 17 and 25 from 5-7:30pm (more details to come)
- The students voted on the logos that the SCC did-the winner was the front facing logo
- Golden Garbage Can award-for the cleanest bathroom each week

- Houses-8 houses called Prides (Alexa Staples and Vanessa Kohle organized and have some ideas for community engagement and reciprocity) Simba's Pride, Mufasa's Pride etc.
- Hopes and Dreams last year with parents, values from that work with parents and 3 school rules (restorative practices): Be safe, be kind, be responsible

- Priority Action Plan

School Level Action Plan

- a. Current State:
 - Reflective and becoming more aware of where we are and what we could be improving; perhaps a lack of understanding in some areas (either in knowledge or in impact)
- b. What will influence our actions:
 - Research, awareness, school-wide focus, shift in mindset, collaboration, PD, resources (AP's, provincial rubrics, regulation toolkit, etc.)
- c. What will be different:
 - Understanding students and families, community building, responsive instruction and flexible groupings, authentic differentiation, all stakeholders will feel safe and enjoy being at Brunswick, staff will know more about specific processes like OHS and RTI

- Goal: (big ideas)

1. Student Engagement - (student-teacher relationships)
2. Responsive Instruction - (K-3 math, embedded literacy support in grade 1-6 and grade 4, 7, 9 writing)
3. Assessment - (enriched classroom assessment practices)
4. School Culture - (well-being in self regulation and employee well-being)
5. Internal Processes - (RTI, Sprints, OHS)

- Building Bridges

- Have taken in feedback from SCC regarding building bridges
 - Families want and need information about how their child is doing personally and socially
- Want to acknowledge that parents are the experts - we as teachers have expertise gaps in "children" and who they are
- Don't want the experience to be product based
- Idea: 10 minute conversation: teacher with parent with guiding questions
- Edsby is used to communicate academic learning. SLCs/Building Bridges are not connected to report cards anymore.
- Shift should be from content to the context. The content comes from the teachers, the context comes from the parents.
- Value in parents and teachers having an opportunity to have a vulnerable conversation in order to build a relationship to support the child
- Parents want to know things about the social and personal aspects of their child at school. Teachers need not to sell themselves short however, they know things about our kids, and parents like to hear, and like to have the opportunity to hear about they are socially at school.

- Need feedback from SCC around this proposal - what do we need to know about your child, what have we been missing?
- Idea: parents would be willing to share their perspectives at a staff meeting for staff
- Discussion around incorporation of Book Fair - does it have to be how it has been traditionally always done? Is there potential for another event incorporating Book Fair that can engage families and align with goal ie: Literacy Night
<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day/> i.e.: Family Literacy Day
 January 27th, 2024

4. Finance Report- Erinn Stoll

- Majority of funds went to Walk Alongside registration and expenses
- Building Bridges - treats for two events
- Staff Appreciation/Farewell
- Scotia Bank fees - costs per cheque etc.
 - Laurel made a motion to switch bank accounts to one that has no fees and maintenance costs. Lisa seconded this.

5. Old Business

a. Picnic Lunch

- Grade 6 students were very helpful with younger students
- SCC adults supporting felt they didn't have as much time to spend with their own kids and in their classrooms
- Good ideas - didn't necessarily engage families as much as we hoped i.e.: bingo primarily done by students, not by families
- There was a lot planned to do in 45 minutes: bingo, picnic, see the classroom, SCC introductions

6. Tabled for next meeting

a. Cultural night

b. Gr 6. Bus Patrol & Lunch buddies

c. Meeting dates and times

7. New Business

a. Meeting dates and times - varying meeting times, conference calls

- Conference call option for individuals who want to attend and can't attend

b. Coffee and Conversation

- November 17th 8:45am- 10am

c. Communication Sub-Committee

- Laurel will take responsibility for it. Jenny Mason will support. Help as needed.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:44pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 7th 5:15pm