**SWES SAC MINUTES Oct 30th, 2024**

Attendance: Divya, Madonna, Railene, Jane, Marsha, Michelle, Julie, Lindsay

Regrets: Renee, Tammy, Stephanie,

Approval of Agenda and Minutes: All approved

SAC:

Principal: Divya or Marsha

Parents/guardians (3) Madonna, Railene

Staff (3): Julie, Jane

Community Members (3): Michelle

-Need 1 more parent for our SAC, Madonna AND Railene WILL BE cochairs, Secretary will be Jane Staff will be Julie, Jane, and our community member will be Michelle.

-New music teacher Sarah Tarves, we still have no French teacher as our French is paired with another school which is HarbourView. We had a retired French teacher who was coming in but has since stepped down.

-Our enrollment is up to 119 students with 5 classes and pp, all classes are at cap except for 5/6. We had a great meet and greet with the parents in September, Then the Office of MLA Barb Adams hosted had an ice cream social for the parents and students right afterwards. Irving is helping us with fruit, 3 classes have gone on field trips, which was 5/6 went to the sports milk fair, and the students had a fun time and were very well behaved. Primary and ½ went to Willow Bank farms for apple picking and it was an exciting time by all the students and staff that went.

-The NS school lunch program has started here at Southwoodside, there are 6 vendors that prepare the meals for all of the schools. The school has ordered 15% extra for the kids who either do not have lunch or the parents forgot to order the lunch and for students who might want to try the hot lunch. There will be an email sent out to parents for them to give their feedback on the new lunch program.

-Our school day has been restructured to allow for more physical active time in the after, so the kids now have an afternoon recess where all students go out for 15 mins at 2pm. We have also decreased the number of bells. We are trying to make the school feel more community focused. We now have a community outreach worker at the school, which we have not had for a few years. There was a sac conference that was held at the end of September, which Divya and Madonna attended.

-SSP: Students will improve in math, literacy, and social/emotional students for the students (with a focus on students of African and Indigenous ancestry). Teachers use short cycle goals to support students and collaborate with each other and other HRCE supports.

-Teachers in primary to 3 use a resource called UFLI which helps teach the sounds of the letters and structure. We have a new resource teacher and a new resource learning disability teacher at our school.

Meeting adjourned @ 7pm

Next meeting Nov 27th @ 6pm