

Humber Park Elementary School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 24th 2022

In Attendance: Marilyn Smith, Nick MacDonald, Jeanine Goulet, Suzanne McKenzie, Kate MacLean, Teaira Cain, Larissa Lee

Regrets: Hollie Pearce, Fiona Coulter

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

- Members- New Member EPA Martha Collicut
- Welcome back to Patricia Downey in Grade 1/2 (Peyton Dewolfe is leaving)
- **Financial Update**- Balance- \$7619.22
- Establish New Spending Goals- Classroom furniture Standing desks, Calming Space chairs,
- OSMOS/Ipads for lower elementary
- Guest Speakers re: Respect for All, Motivation Grit and Resilience
- **February 9 — Celebrate Black History!**
- **Black History Month Event for grades 3-9**
- As described by *The Wall Street Journal* , Black History Month is “a time when the culture and contributions of African Americans take center stage” in a variety of cultural institutions including schools, theaters, libraries and museums. Hosted by international acclaimed rapper and motivational speaker [Duane D.O. Gibson](#) and joined by best-selling author/actor [Dirk McLean](#) and award winning author/filmmaker/educator [Wanda Taylor](#).
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Principals Report January 24th

Covid19

Very stressful for staff and students

Shift in mindset-no more contact tracing

Monitoring absences to identify increased illnesses
Enhanced measures- purifiers for old side, masks and testing kits, cohorting
Staffing challenges are impacting consistent programming

African Heritage Month- Focus on Black History for Nova Scotia., Daily Trivia, Virtual Presentation, End of Month Assembly, (Guest Speakers)

P-2 Reading -57/78 or 73% Meeting 21/78 or 27% not meeting 8 or 10% ANS students not meeting

6 Week cycles

Literacy Coach

Purchased Reading Strategies by Jennifer Saravella and Prompting Guides

Provided specific planning time through sub release

Identified all students not meeting and supports in place

School Climate- Social Emotional Health is a concern coming off of Pandemic
Launching Caring Schools January/February

Physical Violence

Insubordination

Playground Area- Supervision/ conflict Resolution

Positive Strategies

Grade 6 Leadership- Nick

High Five Focus- Store- Pizza Party

Indigenous Games Day

African Drumming and Dance this week

Shauntay Grant

Makers Space Grant- Received

Healthy Schools Grant-Received

Purchased Caring Schools Curriculum- Implementing in Dec/Jan

Equity/Behavior/CRP- Consultants PD with staff

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 22nd 6:00 PM