

FECCA School Advisory Council Agenda/Minutes 2020-21

SAC Meeting Agenda

Date & Time:	Wednesday, March 24, 2020
In Attendance	Jade Newell, Amanda MacLean, Joanne Horne, Cory Austen, Judy Cook, Christina Fitzpatrick, Riley MacLean Regrets: Donna Rhynold, Melissa Richards, Angela Dobson
Call to Order	3:35
Facilitators:	Cory Austen, Judy Cook

Wednesday, November 18

1.0 Call to Order	
	Judy Cook
2.0 Approval of Agenda	Judy Cook, Amanda MacLean
3.0 Welcome Chair and New Members	Judy Cook
3.1 Chair Email	The Chair and Principal have a shared SAC Gnspe account to manage email and Google Drive. fecca.sac@gnspe.ca
Student Success Plan	
4.0 Student Success Plan	See below under budget.

OLD BUSINESS	
5.0	
5.1	

NEW BUSINESS	
6.0 School Cafeteria	Concern for cafeteria potential closure. Do we want to explore what our options might be if it comes to that? Compass Group now have a new worker. They solely depend on one worker so there are days when there will be no worker available to fill in for this new worker and that poses a concern to FECCA, our students and

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	staff having no cafeteria services available on any given day. With this concern the SAC is open to new/any suggestions brought forward to help with this dilemma. A local provider could be one option. SAC will make observations and may have to move further along with other options sooner rather than later if this concern continues.
Soccer Field	Geese are an ongoing issue with students being able to use the soccer field because of geese droppings. Mr Austen made a few inquiries with Department of Natural Resources. It was suggested that the SAC check with Home and School to help with the cost of purchasing something to help with this issue.
6.1 Teacher PD	3 Teachers have applied for a 'Tech Pd Day' provided by SRCE. So far two teachers have been approved.

SPECIAL REPORTS OR PRESENTATIONS	
7.0 Special Reports and Presentations	
7.1 Student Council Updates	Student Council are discussing ways of doing some fund raising in the near future. Hoping to hear how things are going to go with graduation soon. Sometime in April in April we administration hopes to learn more and share that information.
7.2	

SAC Budget	
8.0 Special Reports and Presentations	
8.1	Budget spending as follows...
8.2	Please share any ideas you may have for spending.
Budget Spending and ongoing Proposals	<p>Literacy Learning Goal 1: To improve student achievement in Literacy Priority b: Increase student achievement in literacy with a focus on daily reading and writing in all grade levels.</p> <p>Proposal - Literacy - NEWSELA. This is an online platform with exceptional non-fiction articles curated from various trusted sources. The tool allows for cross-curricular articles with focused attention on specific literacy standards. The most powerful feature of this tool is that it can adjust to the specific reading level of the reader without changing the content.</p>

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~~These are the quoted costs. I propose we go for a two year commitment since we have the funds and can guarantee the tool for two years.~~

Actual Cost: \$2,909.70 for 2 years (Purchased)

Proposal 2: Literacy and Math Writable Surface Tables

The table will be used by the high-school and elementary learning centre teachers for their resource programming. When receiving the training for the Wilson reading program Sarah and Ashley observed how efficient and effective the whiteboard table was. The large writing surface allowed students to segment words, quickly change vowels, and quickly edit words with the swipe of an eraser.

Estimated Cost (2 Tables) - \$1200

Judy Cook motioned and Amanda MacLean 2nd with all in favor tables will be purchased for our students.

Math

Learning Goal 2: To improve student achievement in mathematics

~~**Proposal 1 - Math/Physics - 2 Years ago we brought HS physics back to FECCA. After many years without offering the program, we're in need of proper materials for labs and demos. The DOE has worked closely with PASCO physics materials and platforms and we'd like to purchase some basic data collection kits to be used for the MS and HS physics students. We're looking to spend about \$3,000 to get this vital lab equipment.**~~

Actual Cost: \$3,438.15 (Purchased)

Proposal 2

~~**Biology - Microscopes for Bio 12 class and Science 7,8, 9 and Science 10. Looking for pricing and quotes.**~~

- Above materials were purchased through 'Student Success' project funds. However, we are looking to purchase additional materials to support our Biology and Science 7, 8, 9.

Proposal 3

Math at Work and Math Essentials - Purchase of measurement tools. These purchases would support my goal of improving students measuring skills in all my technology education and mathematics courses. These purchases also

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support the System Improvement Plan Goal of Supporting Number Sense, particularly with regards to recognizing and find equivalencies among common fractions, renaming common fractions and comparing and ordering common fractions.

Estimated Cost: \$105.00

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Wellness

Learning Goal 3: To foster student well-being through the creation of positive, safe and inclusive learning environments.

~~**Proposal 1** - We would like to propose a 10-12 week music therapy intervention here at FECCA. I've been in contact with trained music therapist, Tom Curry. He currently spends two days per week working with students at Dr. John Hugh Gillis and East Antigonish. He is interested in working with our students.~~

Actual Cost: \$2,750 (Purchased)

Wellness

Proposal 2 - Purchase a variety of outdoor equipment for students to utilize during recess, lunch and mask breaks. As of now we have very limited to no equipment for outdoor use. Now that the weather is becoming warmer, students are asking for equipment such as basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, softball equipment (gloves, soft balls etc.), frisbees, chalk and bubbles. We would also like to purchase an outdoor storage bin to store the equipment to keep it safe from the weather. Being able to give kids the opportunity to enjoy their outdoor time will provide them more overall well-being.

Estimated Cost: \$600

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Adjourned

4:30 next meeting will be mid April

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