

# Hawthorn Elementary School Advisory Committee Meeting

*Date: February 7th, 2022 at 6:00pm*

	<i>Content</i>	<i>Action</i>
Call To Order	Attendance: Ms. Alexis Carter-Malloch; Ms. Gourlay, Principal; Ms. Dunn; Ms. Urquhart; Mr. Campbell; Ms. Mercer and Ms. Coffin-Were	Mr. Jodrey not able to attend
Review of Minutes		minutes reviewed and approved
Old Business	reviewed agenda	approved
Chair	Alexis Carter-Malloch	
New Business: 1.	<p>The Inclusive Education Policy could be posted on the SAC web page for all to look at.</p> <p>The SAC was asked about contributing to the cost of a purchase of a dozen chrome books that were ordered.</p>	A vote was taken and everyone agreed to help cover the cost of the chrome books once we know how much of a balance is in the SAC account.
2.	Next meeting date is March 7th, 2022 @ 6:00pm	

Principal's Report	<p>We have been fortunate to have Mr. Church, an arts teacher from HRCE in the building spending time with all the classrooms this month. Our students have made some wonderful artwork over the past few weeks.</p> <p>February is African Heritage Month and we have been introducing various ideas and information to the classrooms pertaining to this.</p> <p>Registration Month - please let any families know that might have children of Pre Primary age or any child new to the area that they can register online</p> <p>We are having a lock down drill this month and our teachers will discuss the meaning of this drill and why they are important to have with the students.</p> <p>New to our school, our Phsy. Ed teacher Mr. Foote will be teaching curling to some of our students. This will be a new and exciting activity for them.</p> <p>We are still dealing with the parking issues in front of the school but it seems to be getting better.</p> <p>Recess and lunch times are now staggered to provide less congestion in the hallways and outside. This also applies to dismissal times.</p> <p>Our outdoor classroom has been completed and we have also asked for some trees to be planted around the area in the spring.</p> <p>Student Success Plan: a survey was done by the grade 4-6 students. We received funds for the program in December.</p> <p>There was mention of groups being set up for the students much like the empathy group that was at Hawthorn a few years ago. Also, something like the Girls on Fire group, First Aid course etc.</p>	<p>We have posters and a number of resources to pull great information from for knowledge around heritage and learning for African Heritage Month.</p> <p>Our liaison officer from Halifax Regional Police, Kim Chambers will be in attendance to help with this.</p> <p>Our caretaker has been diligently going out with pylons to block off the area around where the bus stops in front of the school. This has been helping with traffic congestion.</p> <p>We are waiting to see if the funds for the tree planting are approved to carry over.</p> <p>Mental and physical health is important to the students. Information needs to be readily available to our community.</p> <p>The Well Being Grant could help with funding for some of these groups.</p>
Topics and concerns for our next meeting:	The Student Success Plan will remain on the agenda.	
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm	