**Upper Musdquodoboit Consolidated School Advisory Council**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

October 25, 2022 @ 2:00pm

1. **Attendance:** (Erin Cunningham-Chair – Support Staff, Troy Smith - Principal, Venus Archibald-Parent, Melissa Reid - Teacher, Ellen Thomas - Teacher, Leah MacBain - Teacher)

**2.** **Regrets:** Heidi Higgins – Community Member and Leanne Higgins - Parent

**3.** **Call to order**: Chair called the meeting to order: 2:00

**4.** **Meeting Minutes:** Previous meeting minutes presented and approved.

**5. Business arising from the meeting summary**

* None

**6.** **New Business:**

* **Election of Officers:** Erin Cunningham accepted the position of chair for the year. There were no volunteers for the position of secretary. Troy Smith agreed to be secretary for the purpose of this meeting. He will reach out to Leanne Higgins to see if she is interested in serving in this role and report back to the group.

**7. Principal’s Report:**

* Mr. Smith shared that we have two new positions filled this year at UMCS. Ping Hu has been hired as our 50% Resource teacher and Emilie Holman has been hired as a new 80% EPA.
* An update on the SSP for this year was given and a discussion was held around the new short cycle planning aspect of the plan.
* Grade 3 provincial assessment results from 2021-22 have been received and sent home to families. The results held no surprises based upon the school based data collected.
* The grade 6 assessment for the current year has been completed. Results will be received from the province in the winter.
* The new Classroom Based Assessment System implemented by HRCE was discussed and is currently being used to track literacy growth and development by all classes here at UMCS.
* A new initiative from HRCE around Fact Fluency has been developed by HRCE and is being implemented in grades 4-6. Our grade 4-6 staff have received professional development in this area, and we also have a math coach from HRCE here working with these teachers around this initiative.
* The grade 3 / 4 class has been registered for the Swim to Survive program in the spring of 2023.
* Upcoming dates of events scheduled to the holidays was also shared.

**8. SAC Funding:**

* The SAC currently has a balance of $6731.76.
* Mr. Smith asked if SAC would approve spending for a new LCD projector for the grade 3 / 4 classroom, $725 plus taxes and funding for professional resources for teachers; Jennifer Serravallo, The Reading Strategies Book and The Writing Strategies Book along with Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics by Peter Liljadhal. The SAC approved these expenditures.
* SAC has not yet received any additional funds for the current school year. Hopefully these will be forthcoming shortly.

**9. Other Business:**

* **None**

**10. Next Meeting/Adjournment:** November 22, 2022 @ 2:00

* Meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm