**Upper Musquodoboit Consolidated School Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes- January 24, 2023**

Meeting Summary

1. **Attendance:** Troy Smith: Principal, Venus Archibald: Parent, Ellen Thomas: Teacher, Melissa Reid: Teacher, Leah MacBain: Teacher and Leanne Higgins: Parent, Erin Cunningham: Chair.
2. **Regrets**: Heidi Higgins: Community member.
3. **Call to order**: Troy Smith called meeting to order: 2:00pm.
4. **Meeting minutes:** Previous meeting minutes presented and approved.
5. **Business arising from the meeting summary:** None.
6. **New Business:**

* The SAC Chair (Erin Cunningham) and Principal (Troy Smith) attended PD at MRHS from 6:30pm-8:30pm on November 29th.
* Outcome for snow day survey. General censuses are that if busses are not on the roads, schools should be closed.
* Well being survey: How are kids feeling? Kids are feeling for the most part a sense of belonging at school. Questions for younger children are ready and will be delivered through conversation.
* Report cards sent home via online.
* Christmas concerts and dinner all went well.
* SSP Cycle of Action. Cycle one ending/ everyone showing measurable growth in literacy as well as math. Literacy wall updated every month serving as visual reminder.
* There are a number of PD days coming up both structured and self guided.
* Covid-19 effects and lack of substitutes.
* UMCS was visited by HRCE math consultant. They sat in on math lesson and provided recommendations and gave feedback. Will have opportunity to visit other schools as well.
* Reminder for all volunteers to submit a criminal record check.

1. **Upcoming events/ Funding:**

* Drumming presentation postponed. Will happen this coming Friday. Different drumming cultures providing 45 minute to 1 hour hands on drumming experience for students.
* In February UMCS will host Maritime Marionettes puppet making workshop. This costs 1000$ per day.
* School Plus Big Crunch Grant has been submitted for Nutrition Month.
* Autism Grants available for 250$.
* Troy would like to use SAC funds to purchase iPads to replace old outdated tablets. He will look into pricing them.
* Ellen Thomas inquired about new headphones for her classroom. She will look into pricing these.
* Ellen Thomas has purchased new ‘Crazy Carpet’ sleds for coasting.
* Melissa Reid inquired about using some funds to purchase school shirts. Will follow up on pricing.

1. **Other Business:**

* None

1. **Next meeting/Adjournment:**

* Next meeting will take place on February 28, 2023 @ 2:00pm.
* Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.