

## Minutes – SAC Meeting – March 8, 2022

### Present:

Mr. Mann	Mr. Nemeth	Mrs. Watson
Andrew Poulton	Jeannine Poulton	
Kendra Bricker	Blair Masse	Lindsay Lake

### School Improvement Update – Mr. Mann/Mr. Nemeth

- Had Learning Coordinator from the Literacy Team visit to work with staff and small groups for reading interventions
- Ms. Peetsma and Mr. Nemeth are working on reading interventions with small groups of students
- Ms. Peetsma getting our Strong Start Program starting after March break
- The Administration is happy to have our volunteers back and looking to get them trained
- Ms. Peetsma finishing up an “EMPOWER” program which is a very intensive literacy support for most struggling early readers. Very positive improvements in reading

### CCAT Testing – Mr. Mann/Mr. Nemeth

- The Canadian Cognitive Abilities assessment is administered to Grade 3 students at all schools within the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB). CCAT is a group-administered assessment which provides information about cognitive, thinking and reasoning skills that are strongly related to high academic achievement.
- After March breach – 3 days set aside for it
- Results are shared with families
- The results are also used to ensure consistency with all other testing scores, grades, etc.
- It is one piece of the picture of the students’ abilities
- Results are kept on file at the school along with report cards
- Grade 4 students completed the testing this year because it was missed due to COVID
- While the test is to identify gifted students, it also provides valuable information on all students

### Safe Schools Update – Mr. Mann/Mr. Nemeth

- March 4<sup>th</sup> PA Day - Continuation from Professional Development in the Fall which focused on Equity Foundations and Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy
- And it was timely because WNPS is working with LUSO Community Services and Leroy Hibbert – his message aligns with the TVDSB’s Foundational Principles.
- Leroy is presenting to our community next month at the SAC Meeting (April 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:15p.m. – 7:15 p.m.)
- Mr. Nemeth to investigate advertising the event with I Love Thorndale and on the Thorndale Lions sign coming into town
- Everyone from the local community is invited to join because it is important that the students are getting the message at school, but it’s also important to have these conversations at home and in the community as well

## **Other Items**

### **Thorndale Lion's Pancake Day at WNPS – Mr. Mann**

- Thorndale Lions volunteered the time and resources to grill up more than 1000 pancakes for students and staff
- WNPS is very thankful for this partnership

### **School Spirit Days – Mr. Mann**

- Lots of school spirit is happening at WNPS
- Kids are excited and enjoying it
- It's very appreciated and not going unnoticed by the students

### **Spark Awards – Mr. Mann**

- Mr. Mann and Mr. Nemeth had conversation with Staff about restarting the program
- A commitment was made to continue this conversation
- After March break, will see what shape it could take
- The importance to celebrate student successes, academic or otherwise, is recognized by staff and the administration at WNPS
- If the program is restated, staff are committed to ensure that it moves forward in a positive and inclusive framework

### **Lego Wall Update – Mr. Mann**

- H&S has purchased interactive Lego wall which will be in the LLC
- Hopeful for the work to be completed during March break, or shortly thereafter

### **Mural Work at WNSP – Mr. Mann/Mr. Nemeth**

- Student, staff, and community voice indicated creating a more inviting and welcoming school entrance would be a positive visual.
- Mural Works coming in on Thursday to look at the shared space in front foyer as well as LLC
- Looking at encouraging phrasing, visuals, logos, etc.
- H&S supporting this financially as well
- [Mural Works](#)

### **Rural Education Task Force and the TVDSB**

- Mr. Mann will be speaking with the superintendent tomorrow – will discuss but at this point, looks to be an issue at the Board level and not directly involving WNPS

**Principal's Report** – attached.

**END: 7:01 p.m.**