

## Ash Lee Jefferson (ALJ) School Advisory Council (SAC)



**2023/24 - Meeting 1 – October 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30, 2023**

### Members:

Name	Role	Email Address	In Attendance
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Sara Wood	HRCE Staff	<a href="mailto:Sara.wood@hrce.ca">Sara.wood@hrce.ca</a>	regrets

### Minutes

Topic	Lead
<p>Opening remarks, meeting started at 6:30pm</p> <p>This meeting was held in person at ALJ. Thanks to all in attendance.</p>	Chastity / Lynn/Jason
<p><b>Principal Report: October</b></p> <p><b>Classes/ Staff:</b>                      8 English Classes (P/1,1/2,1/2,3,3/4,4,4/5,5)                      11 French Immersion (P,P,1,1/2,2,2/3,3,3/4,4,4/5,5)</p> <p><b>New Teachers:</b>                      Chelsea Likko Gr.2/3                      Erika Christianson Gr. 3/4 (Mat leave) Alannah MacLean will be returning                      Andrea Saad (.3 coverage support)                      Sarah Bayne Core French</p>	Lynn/Jason

**Pre Primary:**

Because of our numbers we have added a third in both Pre Primary classrooms (we have 48 PPs)

**Learning Centre, Resource and Literacy Supports remain the same:**

2.0 Learning Centre; We have 9 Educational Program Assistants

1.0 English Resource; .5 French Immersion Resource

1.0 Guidance

.3 Eng RR, .5 FI RR, .5 APL

**September start up:**

We had a smooth start up:

- We were fully staffed
- Buses were organized with no incident
- Started full school recess
- Grade 5 Leaders started on announcements and canteen duty right away
- Cafeteria lunches started in October

**Professional development to date:**

Program planning: SCIs

Literacy: UFLI writing (Shifting the Balance 3-5)

Math: Computational Fluency (Progression charts)

**SSP: Math Literacy and Wellness short cycle strategies**

Reading - UFLI, vocabulary, comprehension

Computational Fluency P-3 Progression 4-5 Assessment tools

Working together to fine tune our wellness short cycle plans: Ways we get to know our students and provide a safe welcoming community.

**Grade Three assessment results:**

7/89 not meeting in math (82 meeting/ exceeding expectations)

1/39 students not meeting in Reading (38 meeting/ exceeding expectations)

7/39 students not meeting in Writing (32 meeting/ exceeding expectations)

*Parents of students not meeting will be called this week and parents will be sent information on accessing results on Eduportal the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup>*

**School events:**

We are planning for Halloween and Remembrance Day

**Playground Changes:**

The 2 spinners were removed by HRM

Playground balls hula hoops etc.

**PTO:**

We have our events and fundraising scheduled and ready to go with a goal of fundraising 20 000 dollars for technology, classroom books, classroom resources, grade 5 end of year, PP end of year picnic.

<p>We already had our Kenny's Pizza which raised approximately \$ 1400  We are planning for our Nov 09<sup>th</sup> Family games night</p>	
<p>Parent Concerns</p> <p>SAC members would like to note that a shift in curriculum where Cursive writing is not being done or read is concerning and should be reconsidered. It is felt that students who are unable to read or write it are going to be at a disadvantage going further.</p> <p>A parent member inquired regarding the use of mobile devices at ALJ. Ms Mills advised that mobile devices have not presented as an issue to date and are currently being dealt with on a case by case bases. No student is able to have devices out in the classroom and if they have them on the premises they are to be kept in their desks until the end of day. There has been no need yet for a school policy but it is something that is being monitored and could be implemented if there is a need.</p> <p>What has recently presented as an issue is students having watches to play games or take photos. They are working with teachers and parents to address this issue before it presents as a problem.</p>	<p>Lynn</p>
<p>Closing remarks and reminder of schedule for upcoming meetings</p> <p>Thank you for attending. Please save the date for our upcoming meetings.</p> <p>Please mark you calendars ☑</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 16th at 6:30 - past</li> <li>• November 6th at 6:30</li> <li>• January 15th at 6:30</li> <li>• February</li> <li>• April</li> <li>• May</li> <li>• June</li> </ul>	<p>Chastity</p>