**Astral Drive Elementary School**

SAC Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2021

**Attendance:** Ken MacDonald, Tanya MacNeil, Mark Smith and Gail Stevens

**Regrets:** Justin Sheppard, Karen McGrath

**Principal’s Report:** Mr. MacDonald read through his report.

**Mi’kmaq History Month:** Each day there is a Mi’kmaq word and fact of the day announced and then posted on the bulletin board. Teachers have incorporated lessons, read alouds etc. into their teaching.

**School Events:** School events such as Halloween Howl, Remembrance Day Ceremony etc. have been put on hold for now as safety is still an issue regarding large gatherings of people.

**P-2 Literacy Focus:** HRCE has initiated a goal that states all students in grades P to 2 will be reading at benchmark by the end of grade 2. P to 2 classroom teachers, resource teachers, LC teachers, and school counselor have been working hard to teach, support, and monitor students. Data is being collected monthly to help track those that need more support. Reading Recovery and APL teachers also see students in these grade levels are another source of intervention.

**October Conference Day:** Teachers were at school doing their conference virtually. Teachers attended a variety of conferences which included Africentric Learning, Science, Literacy, Phonemic Awareness and Leadership.

**Outdoor Classroom:** The outdoor classroom is completed and ready for student use.

**Security Cameras:** Due to graffiti and multiple broken windows, we are looking into purchasing security cameras. The hope is to have these up and running in the New Year.

**Report Cards & Parent-Teacher:** Parent-Teacher will be phone/virtual during the week of Nov. 22 and report cards will be emailed home on Nov. 26.

**SAC Funding:** We have not heard yet about the SAC money for this school year.