**Astral Drive Elementary School**

SAC Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2021

**Attendance:** Ken MacDonald, Tanya MacNeil, Mark Smith

**Regrets:** Justin Sheppard, Karen McGrath and Gail Stevens

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

**Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony:** All students viewed the presentation at the same time. Slides included music, symbols of peace, artwork and pictures of family members who have served or currently serve in the military.

**School Events:** Given current circumstances whole school events are still on hold..

**P-2 Literacy Focus:** Our initial number of students not meeting benchmark has decreased which is great news. Staff such as school counsellor, Child and Youth Care Practitioner, 30% relief teacher, admin. etc. are spending time reading with students throughout the week. Schedules are flexible depending on how students are doing and who needs help.

**November Staff Meeting:** As a staff, we are still ensuring that discussions and teaching around Anti Black Racism is a priority. Staff read an article titled “Addressing Race and Trauma in the Classroom”. The article gave staff a better understanding of historical trauma, racial trauma and students simply trying to cope with everyday life. It was another reminder for us as educators to create an environment that is safe, welcoming and acknowledges systemic racism in our society.

**Security Cameras:** Still waiting for these to arrive and be installed.

**SAC Funding:** Mr. MacDonald is going to check and make sure it is in the account.

**Kwanzaa Workshops:** Virtual Kwanzaa workshops were held on Monday, December 13. All classes participated, feedback was very positive.