**Astral Drive Elementary School**

SAC Meeting Minutes

Oct. 4, 2022

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

Karen McNamara and Jennifer Moriarty

**Regrets:** Justin Sheppard

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

**Student Numbers:** 490 students are currently enrolled with students registered from pre-primary to grade 6. There are 22 homeroom classrooms.

**New Teacher:** Due to our high enrolment numbers we received an additional homeroom teacher. Many English classes were reconfigured with approximately 65 students being affected. The new teacher’s name is Holly McLellan and she will be teaching grade 1.

**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. will happen this year if volunteers have their Criminal Records check completed and their Child Abuse Registry done. We will also have math coaches, literacy coaches, guest speakers etc. coming to visit us.

**P-2 Literacy Focus:** We will continue with the goal thatall 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.

**SAC Funding:** Money may be allocated to purchase Grade 3 levelled books for French Immersion because this is the year when English instruction is introduced. A Chromebook cart for one of the portables will also be purchased. This will ensure that Chromebooks are consistently charged, and students do not have to take the Chromebooks home.