**Astral Drive Elementary School**

SAC Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2023

**Attendance:** Mark Smith, Justin Sheppard, Ken MacDonald, Tanya MacNeil, Gail Stevens, Karen McNamara, and Latoya Monminie

**Welcome New Members:** Welcome to Latoya M. and Heather H.for joining the SAC this year as parent members.

**SAC Funds:** Some of the SAC funds will be used this year to purchase decodable books to be used in conjunction with the teaching of an explicit and systematic phonics program. This program is being introduced to the students in grade P to 1 English.

**SSP Literacy Focus:** Reading will be the focus of our School Success Plan in grades

P to 6.

**SSP Math Focus:** Computational fluency will be the focus of our School Success Plan in grades P to 6.

**SSP Wellness Focus:** Student well being will be the focus of our School Success Plan in grades P to 6.

**Mi’kmaq History Month:** Daily announcements have a Mi’kmaw word of the day and fact of the day, which are also displayed on a bulletin board. Posters and other artwork is displayed throughout the building. Teachers have access to many resources that they will use to engage our students in lessons and discussions on Mi’kmaq history, philosophies, knowledge, and ways of life; these resources include books, videos, website links and lesson plans.

**Provincial Assessments:** Grade 6 students are finishing up their provincial assessments this coming week. The results from the grade 3 provincial assessment that was written in the spring of 2023 have come in and will be sent electronically to parents.

**Class Trips:** Students in grades 3 and above (except 2/3 combined classes) went on a trip to the Milk Energy Sports Fair in Halifax. Thank you to the PTO for paying for the busses and to all the adults that chaperoned.

**Events:** Picture Day, Quincy Mack Assembly, Sports Fair, Running Club, Bake Sale, Halloween Dance Party and Halloween Howl are all happening this month!