



ARHS SAC Minutes
Tuesday November 21st, 2023

Attendees: • Jennifer Mapplebeck-Chair Community • Aaron Stubbert-Principal • Michael Wilson-Community Regrets • Susan Costin-Community • Erika Carruthers-Teacher • Lacey Fisher- Community-Regrets • Stephanie Down-Parent

- Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Mapplebeck
- Adoption of the Agenda: ○ Aaron and Erika
- Adoption of Minutes: ○ Jenn and Erika
- Old Business ○ No Old business.
 - New Business
 - Youth Summit:
 - Presentation by Mallory Klooster
 - Innovation Center will host students in a forum for discussion about retention in Amherst.
 - Amherst has hired a PH D students to lead research into why youth are leaving and to get them to stay.
 - Guest Speaker: Glan Thompson
 - Speak to students about service providers, barriers and school life
 - Town Council and strategic plan
 - Concentrated focus on 20-23 year olds
 - Possible Integrated Youth Site for Amherst
 - Therapy supports for the community
- Principal's Report: November 2023
- Supporting Student Success (Provincial Data)
 - Short Cycle of Impact
 - Literacy:
 - Writing small group instruction with a focus on paragraph writing, transitions in all English classes.
 - Reading: small group instruction and conferencing in all English classes.
 - Alos looking at PD for all classes to do one ten minute reading activity per cycle.
 - Math
 - Small group instruction and a focus on building thinking classrooms.

- Next step is working with Chignecto Family Math Coach Kelly Power.
 - Wellness:
 - Staff have been competing with students in lunch hour activities in volleyball once a month to build and promote health and wellness.
- Staffing:
 - Mme. Balan continues to support Immersion. Hoping for a return of Mme. Toomey soon.
 - Mr. Lynch will be leaving us December 31st.
 - Ms. Knock was hired to replace Mr. Patriquin in mid October.
- Band and Choir:
 - The December concert will be December 10th in the Susan Taylor Theatre.
 - The group is also fundraising for their April trip to compete in Boston USA.
- SAC Survey

Update SAC Conference

- Handouts and data points provided to attendees
- Uplift System Improvement Plan conversation about funds for schools
- Conversation about SAC purpose and meetings
 - Like a local option.
 - Invite more than 1 person (just chair) to attend

Adjournment

- Next meeting: January 23rd, 2024