



ARHS SAC Minutes
Tuesday January 23rd, 2024

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

- Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Mapplebeck
- Adoption of the Agenda: ○ Aaron and Mike
- Adoption of Minutes: ○ Jenn and Mike
- Old Business ○ No Old business.
 - New Business
 - Principal's Report
 - End of Semester 1
 - Exams January 25th-30th
 - Semester 2 February 1st.
 - Grade 9 Exploratories
 - See below
 - Literacy: Intentional Reading Plan
 - Three week plan ending December 20th
 - This has continued into the new year.
- Goal:
 - To provide more opportunity for students to be exposed to reading to improve academic achievement, increase vocabulary and overall comprehension and understanding in all subject areas
 - This Plan is a response to Nova Scotia schools decreasing literacy scores.
- Action:
 - Once a week teachers will choose a piece of reading to use in each of their classes that can be specific to their course.

- Students should have a minimum of 10 minutes of content area, subject specific reading.
 - You may already be doing this but you can formalize or intensify.
- The readings can be from a resource you are already using or you can use the Apps we received from our PD presentation from Kate English

Staffing:

- Mr. McCormick will officially retire February 1st 2023
 - Job is currently advertised
- Mrs. Toomey is transitioning back.
 - Mme. Agar-Balan is splitting Mr. Lynch and Mrs. Toomey's position.
- Amy McGraw back full time.

Grade 9 Exploratories

ARHS has planned four days of Grade 9 Exploratories over the exam week, January 25th-30th. They are set in a schedule that rotates over the four days. Each session has presenters/facilitators either from our school staff or community. We have set sessions for all Grade 9 students, see below our list:

- An Exploratory Science Lab
- Anxiety
- Digital Citizenship
- Google Apps
- Harm Reduction
- Human Trafficking
- Mini Math Leagues
- Physical education
- Problem Solving
- Research Skills
- Study Skills
- Writing Organization I and II

These workshops are being prepared and delivered by a variety of folks in the school community, from the CCRCE regional staff, and the local community. We appreciate the time and effort that has gone into this endeavour.

Adjournment

- Next meeting: March 19th, 2024