

## **SPPAC**

### **Administrator Report**

**February 5, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Human Ecology Room at Ecole South Pointe School**

#### **Staffing Changes:**

- Mme McIntosh has started her maternity leave. She had a baby girl named Olivia born on January 23.
- In her absence, Mr. Howell has continued in Mme McIntosh's role. Mme Santilli has continued in Mr. Howell's previous PE role and Mrs. Wilkinson has continued in Mr. Howell's role in Grade 2.
- Ms. Fredette will be retiring at the end of February. February 28 will be her last day. We are hoping to have a celebration for her and will let the SPPAC know of any upcoming events.

#### **School Celebrations:**

- Band/Choir concert was held on December 10. This was a great showcase of our creative arts programming.
- Additionally, we had two wonderful evenings of Winter Concerts for Grades 2-6. The students demonstrated their learning in music and movement. It was a fabulous display of their talents, musical skills and learning that they have accomplished.
- Our SAIL group, our Grade 7/8 leadership group, organized a winter formal dance on January 23. There was a \$2.00 entry fee and then there were canteen snacks for purchase. The students had a wonderful time.
- Our choirs will be participating in the upcoming music festival, Adventures in Music with the Winnipeg Symphony, and Pembina Trails sings in the upcoming weeks.

#### **Diversity and Belonging Celebrations**

- Our Diversity and Belonging Committee celebrated the various celebrations for the holidays focusing on "Lighting up the world". This encompassed Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, Winter solstice, etc.
- The Diversity and Belonging committee also organized a Lunar New Year celebration on January 27. This was organized with students, staff and parents working together to create a wonderful celebration. David Pankratz, our MLA, was in attendance. This included a dragon dance, students explaining how they celebrate, and a small snack at the end. Thank you to the SPPAC who contributed funds towards the food.

- The committee is currently focusing on Black History Month. This will be an ongoing focus throughout the month, as well as a focus of incorporating this into our grade level assemblies on Friday that focus on kindness.

### Planning for the New Year

- Kindergarten Information Evening will be held on February 13. Is this usually something that the SPPAC attends to share with upcoming families? This will be starting at 6:00 pm.
- Grade 8 students visited their high schools on January 30. The open houses will be held next week. Families are encouraged to attend the open house as often there are additional presentation such as sports school (Vincent Massey) and PTEC (at PTC). Staff members from both schools will be coming to school to assist students with registration. VMC will be coming on February 13 and PTC will be coming to school on February 18.

### Fundraising

- Pizza days are coming up for fundraising for both the musical production and the Quebec trip.
  - Grades 1-4 will be ordering pizzas on Mondays with all proceeds going to the musical.
  - Grades 5-8 will be having the opportunity to order pizza on Tuesdays with the proceeds assisting with the Grade 8 Quebec trip.
- Hot Chocolate fundraiser
  - The second floor Grades 4-8 were invited to participate in the fundraiser prior to the holidays.
  - The Grades 1-4 on the bottom floor will have the opportunity to have the same fundraiser on Friday. All proceeds from these fundraisers go towards the Grade 8 Quebec trip

### New and Upcoming Events

- **Mad Science** – Grades 1-3 have an opportunity to participate in an afterschool activity with mad science. This is held on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 4:40 pm. Grades 4-6 students have the same opportunity on Thursday evenings from 3:30 – 4:40 pm. This started within the last couple of weeks and will continue until March 4.
- **Photos** – It was mentioned at the SPPAC meeting in November that parent may wish to have sibling photos. There is a possibility of having spring photos taken of

students with an option of incorporating spring photos afterschool or over the lunch hour. Would this be something that SPPAC would be interested in? Would all parents want to have photos retaken in the spring or should we only have them for those that are interested? We will look at dates to coordinate with the company Lifetouch.

- **Yearbook** – This is something that was also discussed with Lifetouch. Would this be something that SPPAC could assist supporting with volunteers for next year? I think this year may be too late.
- **Provincial Announcement** – On Thursday, February 6, some of our students have been invited to participate in a provincial announcement. This will take place in the library. Provincial dignitaries, as well as Pembina Trails delegates, will be in attendance. The front parking area will be reserved for our distinguished guests. This will take place from 9 – 11 a.m. We are not aware of the content of the announcement but are excited to have the opportunity for our school community to participate.
- **Festival du Voyageur** – We will be celebrating Festival du Voyageur during the last week of February 24-28 with an activity day on Friday, February 28. We are hoping to have a pancake center on that day. If any parents would like to come and help in making pancakes, please let us know.

## School Plans

- Our entire staff have been participating reviewing data from this school year, as well as last school year, to determine our focus for the year. We had meetings with each grade level group and specialist group last week.
- Our school plan this year is focusing on the global competencies of: creativity, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, connection to self, and citizenship. These are outlined in provincial educational documents.
- Our focus is reviewing the global competencies and then reflecting on “Are we preparing students to live a Good Life?” which is a question in the Mamahtawisiwin provincial document.
- One piece of data that we have reviewed is the number of languages spoken in our school community
- We have also purchased items to be able to visually show the various languages within our community
- **T-Shirts**
- **Information from PE about cost, mock up, etc.**

