



AJ Smeltzer Junior High School

SAC Meeting Minutes Tuesday February 13th, 2024



Present:

Ryan Lamont (Principal), Dean Lee (Vice Principal), Michelle Halliday, Krista Hachey, Kathy Wedge (Chair), Sarah Pickup, Stephanie Seaboyer

AJ Smeltzer Shirt Term Cycle Planning:

- Math teachers are using knowledgehook as a formative assessment to determine next steps for teaching and learning. Data is reviewed to identify students who would benefit from working in a small group setting, i.e. tier two support, to further their understanding of the material covered.
- English Language Arts teachers are conferencing with students to support them in identifying and selecting just right texts. Teachers are using MAZE and ORF to support reading comprehension and fluency. Mini lessons and reading conferences are implemented to support teaching and learning based on the results of the assessment.
- Wellness: Weekly positive phone calls are being made by teachers and administration to celebrate students and the impact that they are having on the learning community.

African Heritage Month:

- Black National Anthem is being played each day. African Proverbs and biographies of African Nova Scotians are being shared during morning announcements.
- Teachers are planning weekly lessons to continue to incorporate African History within their classes to support student learning and engagement. Chad Lucas (local author) will be visiting AJ Smeltzer to share his books and facilitate a workshop for students in grade seven and grade eight. An African Drumming workshop is planned for all students.
- Colleen Parson, our African Nova Scotian Student Support Worker, helped students design and print t-shirt's celebrating African history.

Gym Floor:

- AJ Smeltzer is getting a new gym floor. The floor is scheduled to be installed during March. Physical Education classes will move to the cafeteria and lunch will be in the library.

SAC Money:

- School purchased 15 new chromebooks to support student learning. Moving towards a one to one model.

AJ Sports Update:

- Basketball is now completed. Athletes on both teams had great attitudes and supported each other. Our girls team came fourth in the region. Season has come to a close.
- Badminton tryouts are taking place at the school. Team will practice at hillside twice per week to prepare for the competition until the gym floor is completed.

SAC Meetings: Upcoming SAC meetings at AJ Smeltzer

- March 19th, 2024 April 23rd, 2024 June 11th, 2024