

BLT Jr and Sr SAC Meeting Minutes
November 20th, 2023

Attendees:

Todd Barter, Janice Wells, Elizabeth Carrillo, Kate Sherren, Ian Angus

Regrets:

Janet Roy, Tracey Quinn, Sarah Warford

Agenda:

1. **SAC Chair:** Kate Sherren will be our SAC Chair for this year! Thank you for volunteering and taking on this important role Kate!
2. **Principal's Update:** BLT Jr and BLT Sr principal's both gave updates as to what has gone on in both school's since our last meeting. Some of the highlights are : a new photographer was hired for both schools and our students had the pictures taken and proofs sent to all families very quickly; Remembrance Day ceremonies ; PD for the morning of November 23rd; Report cards; special events coming up for both schools (concerts etc...).
2. **BLT Sr and Jr SAC spending:** Janice explain how she needs to buy books for Reading Recovery programing. The amount would be around 2, 000. The members of the SAC committee agreed with that. Todd will be presenting what his school requires at our next meeting.
3. **Experiences and recommendations from Elizabeth Corrillo form a newcomers experience:**
 - Working with an EAL (English Alternate Language) teacher 1-1 supported language and enabled her to speak English within 3-6 months. They used picture dictionary as one of the items to teach her the names of things.
 - Assigning a buddy with a person learning English—make sure this buddy is able to communicate effectively.
 - Having worksheets that have everyday phrases for the EAL student is very important so that person can learn how to express needs/questions etc...
 - When the family first arrives at the school, have a translator there to explain school activities, rules, everyday events: ex: lunches, playground rules, clothing needed, picture day, holiday concerts, etc....

-- Talking to the rest of the class to let them know that the new student is learning English but will learn quickly if we are patient with them and speak slowly and use gestures when needed.

Next meeting : January 22nd, 2024 @ 6:00pm