

**Leslie Thomas Junior High**  
**SAC Meeting**  
*Tuesday, March 5th 2024*

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**In Attendance:**

Member	Role	Email Address
Derek Ferguson	School Principal	dferguson@hrce.ca
Heather Barnes	Vice Principal	hbarnes@hrce.ca
Ryan Richards	Teacher Rep	ryan.richards@hrce.ca
Justinian Martin	Teacher Rep	justinian.martin@hrce.ca
Adare Roop	SAC Chair	
Crystal Denny	Grade Six Rep (parent)	
Jen Robar	Grade Seven Rep (parent)	
Natalie Nymark	Community Member	
<b>Regrets:</b>		
Audrey Bithell-Batstone	Grade Six Rep (student)	
Heather MacKegney	Grade Seven Rep (parent)	
Parker Hillier	Grade Eight Rep (student)	
Kaylyn Hardy	Grade Seven Rep (student)	
Jen Robar	Grade Eight Rep (parent)	
Colleen Parsons	Support Staff Rep	colleen.parsons@hrce.ca

1. Call to order
  - a. Review of SAC agenda - approved
  
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a. No business to move forward from last meeting
3. Student Report
- a. Unfortunately, no students were able to attend this meeting.
4. Principal Report
- a. Review of SSP for Leslie Thomas. Goals are within Literacy, Numeracy and Well-being. The focus of Math is productive struggle and this is especially important as the grade eight students prepare for the RMW8. Math data is pulled every 6-8 weeks and reviewed internally weekly at PLC meetings. The focus of Literacy is reading. Grade Six PLCs focus on both literacy and math and meeting biweekly afterschool.
  - b. The Principal went to all grade eight homerooms to discuss the importance of the RMW8. Data was shared with students and students are co-constructing goals to achieve in relation to achievement levels on the RMW8.
  - c. Well-being has been a focus for Leslie Thomas. In response to the Student Success Survey and the survey created by our guidance counsellor, the gym has been open most mornings for all students who wish to come inside early and engage in physical activity. The school is also planning a half day that is focused on well-being. There will be a variety of sessions available (karaoke, henna, chess, board games, crochet, etc) and students will pick their top three choices and be scheduled from there for the half day.
  - d. African Heritage Mural is almost finished.
  - e. Various activities and presentations have been available to our students in the recent months: Band concert, spirit week, Heritage quiz, oval trip, African Dance Assesmbly, school dance, Quentrell Provo "Stop the Violence" presentation, Q-Mack "ALLSTAR" presentation, etc. All activities were very well received by students and staff.
  - f. RMW6 results have been forwarded to Leslie Thomas. Math showed 63% meeting expectations, Reading showed 71% meeting expectations and Writing showed 56.3% meeting expectations.
  - g. Parent-teacher conferences will take place on April 4th. Staff would like to move to 1-3 being phone calls only and 6-8 would be in person.
5. Funding Requests:
- a. Mark Hulshof has requested the following:
    - i. Track Singlets - \$760.00 - approved
    - ii. Outdoor gym equipment - \$1200.00
    - iii. Archery starter kit - \$4800.00 - approved for \$2500.00
    - iv. Track Crash mat - \$4800.00
  - b. Katie Parsons:
    - i. Oven for family studies - \$300.00 - approved
6. Innovation Fund Grant:
- a. Derek and Adair attended PD for SAC in November and this grant opportunity was presented. The overall goal is to provide SAC with more money to help schools with various initiatives. The application is due by April 18th and the announcement on who will receive monies will be made in June. The money will be allocated to the successful

schools in September 2024. HRCE will have four schools who will receive this grant and other RCEs in the province will have two schools.

- b. Existing challenges that our school is facing: perseverance, resiliency, social/emotional learning, emotional regulation.
- c. Possible ideas: looking for a school wide initiative, something where students can interact with all grades, team building activities at various points throughout the school year, both an individual and team aspect, creating a school-home connection through the initiative.

7. Next Meeting Dates:

- a. February 27th 2024
- b. March 26th 2024
- c. May 28th 2024

8. Adjournment