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Welcome to the 2021-22 school year. Thank you so much for stepping up to start or continue in your role on the School Advisory Council.

Attached is a *Summary of SAC Annual Reports 20-21*. The summary allows you to see the kinds of work SACs are undertaking along with the decisions they made about how to spend their Grant to support student success. Please ensure that your school's SAC Annual Report is posted to the SAC section of your school website.

Thank you,

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School Advisory Council Annual Reports

Summary

2020-21

Public Health Guidelines related to the COVID pandemic, required School Advisory Councils (SAC) to meet remotely via Zoom or Google Meets to support the school and their work during the 2020-21 school year. Principals reported that the support of the SAC in navigating the *Back to School Plan* and COVID restrictions was very much appreciated. Each SAC found ways to continue to support student success whether students were in school or learning remotely.

Through the SAC Annual Report, SACs provided details of their work primarily in two key areas - 1. *work undertaken to improve student achievement* and 2. *school performance and expenditures supporting the school improvement plan*. Examples of each are included below.

Please describe a summary of work undertaken by the SAC to improve student achievement and school performance.

- Informed about the school's learning focus on:
 - ✓ Black Lives Matter
 - ✓ Inclusive Education
 - ✓ Treaty Education
 - ✓ Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

- Regular review of data, goals for Student Success Planning (SSP)
- Review of school-based assessments and report card data
- Review of student well-being survey
- Learned about Teacher Support Teams (TST)
- Completed updates on SAC Agreement and By Laws
- Learned about the implementation of curriculum renewal grade 7/8
- Reviewed *School Analysis Tool* and Action Plan (Anti black racism)
- Discussions about positive supports for grade level transitions within a family of schools
- Discussions about *Student Equity Teams*
- Selection of School Photographer
- Contributed to school name change process
- Presentation on Parent Cyber Safety
- Examined instructional practices to support the success of students
- Discussions about strategies to make SAC accessible and visible to the school community
- Discussions about strategies to ensure safe traffic procedures at start and end of school day
- Discussions about literacy initiatives to support students over summer months
- Presentations on *Schools Plus*

Expenditures supporting the school improvement plan (e.g., providing resources to support math and literacy instruction).

Examples of purchases funded by SACs Grant (\$5000 plus \$1 per student)

Literacy

- Culturally Relevant literacy resources
- Classroom libraries (English and French)
- Substitute time for literacy support
- Supports for reading intervention P-2
- Africentric books, African hand drums
- Support in literacy for *English as an Additional Language* (EAL) learners
- E-book license, online reading resources

Math

- Substitute time for math support
- In school tutoring program

Well-Being

- Playground stencils
- Accessibility swing for playground
- Outdoor learning resources/ Basketball nets
- Sensory equipment for learning centre
- Visual Arts supplies, Indigenous art projects
- Physical education resources for lunch activities
- Flexible seating
- *Social Emotional Learning* (SEL) resources
- Theme months to support well-being
- School gardens, school aquarium

Learning Resources and Technology

- IPADs, Chromebooks, headphones
- Document camera
- Website licences
- White boards for each student

Other

- Musical instruments, sheet music, Ukuleles
- Substitute time for teacher collaboration
- School supplies for all students
- Electronic *School Messenger* board
- Students' cost to attend conferences
- Africentric cohort support
- Science equipment
- Credit Insurance/ Credit Recovery support
- Family Studies/ Tech Ed resources
- Online scheduler for parent/teacher interview