

# Proposed Tahayghen Elementary School Plan



2016 - 2019

**To continue to promote literacy and numeracy skills in all of our students.**

Rationale: The core function of Tahayghen is to provide students with a solid foundation of literacy and numeracy skills.

Objectives:

- To increase the percentage of students who are 'fully meeting' or 'exceeding expectations' on the school-wide write. (37% in April of 2016)
- To generate specific data on the reading level of all students at Tahayghen.
- To use reading level data to track students who are below grade level in reading and offer reading intervention.
- To put more culturally relevant books into the hands of students.
- To increase achievement on the Vancouver Island Math Assessment.

Data Used to track objectives:

- School wide writing samples. Collected three times a year: September, January, and June.
- Vancouver Island Math Assessments (or other appropriate tool)
- Grade 4 and 7 FSA results
- Reading Assessments

**To increase school-family communication regarding student learning.**

Rationale: In conversations with parents, there is agreement that families often hear about highlights and lowlights of their children's education, but often do not hear about the day-to-day learning activities that make up the bulk of a students' time at school. Some teachers send out weekly or bi-weekly emails to families, which serves as an informal report as to what is happening in the classroom. The parents that provided input into the school plan appreciate these emails and wish all teachers sent them. Parents

acknowledge that it is often difficult to communicate with teachers over the phone as teachers are always in class. Parents believed publishing teacher emails in school newsletters and correspondence could alleviate this. Some parents do regularly communicate with teachers via email and text messages and parents were appreciative of that. Technology can also allow teachers to communicate student learning to parents through digital portfolios on platforms such as FreshGrade.

#### Objectives:

- To have all teachers sending out monthly emails updating parents on classroom activities and publish teachers' email addresses on school correspondence.
- To have a pilot classroom using FreshGrade in their class (2016-2017).
- To send out monthly emails to all parents that highlight the learning activities at Tahayghen using MailChimp.
- To increase Tahayghen's social media presence by posting all special events to the school Facebook page.
- To host four themed family nights per school year.

#### Data Used to Track Objectives:

- Records of monthly email correspondence that will be copied to the principal.
- Percentage of parents who open the MailChimp monthly emails.
- Increased membership on the school's Facebook page. (60 members currently).
- Four successful family nights.

#### **To provide experiential learning opportunities in art, music, dance, outdoor, and physical education.**

Rationale: Through the school plan process, many parents expressed gratitude for the current experiential programs that occur. Parent input into the school plan showed a desire to increase arts (specifically music and visual art) and outdoor education. When former Tahayghen students were surveyed, they expressed gratitude for physical education and extra-

curricular sports. As Tahayghen enrolment declines, it will become increasingly difficult to offer as many extra-curricular sports as we have in the past and what people are accustomed to.

#### Objectives:

- To have all classes complete four culturally responsive field trips per year.
- To maintain existing outdoor education activities (MMAC, Grade 5 Outdoor Education, Grade 7 outdoor education trip, winter activities).
- To make connections with local artists and musicians who are interested in conducting school workshops.
- To directly approach parents about the need for volunteers to support elementary sports, extra-curricular, and drop-in sports.

#### Activities used to Track Objectives:

- Mount Moresby Adventure Camp
- Grade 5 Outdoor Education
- Grade 7 Laskeek Bay Trip
- Winter Activities for grades 4-7
- Morning walks.

#### Data Used to Track Objectives:

- Four culturally responsive field trips per class.
- Connect with two local musicians who can provide workshops to all students.
- Connect with five local artists who can provide workshops to all students.
- Connect with three parents who are willing to supervise lunchtime sports.

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