School Advisory Council • Sackville Heights Junior High

**Meeting Summary**

April 28, 2021 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

* **Meeting was held via zoom**
* **Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Rhonda Cox**
* **Attendance: Paula Fairbairn, Tanya Mercer, Jill Cormier, Jen Knight, Rhonda Cox, Sarah Greenham, Grace Greenham**
* **Regrets: Jeff Carruthers, Kimberley Best-Janes, Bella Duffley, Becky Payzant**
* **Observer: n/a**

1. Approval of Agenda

* **Jill Cormier approved the agenda**

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary - March 3, 2021

* **The meeting summary, dated March 3, 2021, was not sent to the committee. Principal will send and the minutes will be approved at next meeting.**

1. Business Arising from Previous Meeting Summary

* **“Toonies for Autism” – school will look at doing something in June. Similar to the “candy grams” at Valentine’s Day, which students liked. Maybe a “good bye/have a nice summer gram”. Money raised will go to toonies for autism. Committee discussed ensuring that there is not just one student in a class who does not receive a message – importance of looking at this information before distributing the messages.**

1. School Improvement Plan/Student Success Plan (standing agenda item)

* Literacy Goal: To improve student achievement in writing with a focus on expanding their thoughts and ideas.
* Math Goal: To improve student achievement in the area of number sense in a variety of contexts.

1. New Business
2. Plan C: Apr 29-Apr 31 AND Present

**Committee discussed that attendance during Plan C was very good. Students took it more seriously than last year. Parents like the routine of a schedule. Some concern for students with autism but over all very successful.**

1. School Photography

**Company has an office in Liverpool, NS. Committee liked the picture quality of Lifetouch. The company offers 10% rebate on orders and a $600 rebate for a three-year contract-signing bonus. Admin assistant said that communication with the company is good. Committee agreed to continue with this company. Principal will sign the three-year contract.**

1. Update to our Agreement/By Laws: must be two community members

**SAC agreement must reflect two community members. We have one, Rhonda Cox, and one vacant position. Jill Cormier will advertise for another member. Principal will send her the description of the role.**

1. SAC grant update

**We have a balance of $5763.36. Expenditures have been for alternate seating, reading subscription program, and classroom library books.**

1. Student success survey

**Paused for now as the survey must be completed using a school IP address. Will resume once in person learning starts again.**

1. Admin Report

* **Staff Professional Development:**
* **April 8: Session 2 on Anti-Black Racism**
* **April 15: Mr. Carruthers – advisory panel on vaping**
* **April 15: curriculum renewal meeting with grade 7 and 8 teachers**
* **Supports:**
* **Math support teacher (grade 8s)**
* **Literacy coach (Mar 29-Apr 30)**
* **Staffing**
* **Dillon Hughson – Indigenous support worker**
* **Clubs**
* **KD Challenge: Beacon House -1200 boxes of KD delivered!**
* **Emergency Management:**
* **Fire Drill April 13**
* **Report Cards Term 2/Parent Teacher:**
* **Same process as Term 1**
* **Time to Learn for HRCE 2021-2022**
* **10 day cycle:**
* **Math: 10 periods**
* **ELA/FLA: 10 periods**
* **Core French/ELA: 5 periods**
* **Science: 5 periods**
* **Social Studies: 5 periods**
* **Phys Ed: 5 periods**
* **Healthy Living: 4 periods**
* **Electives: 4 periods (SHJH - Band/FS/Tech Ed/Art)**
* **Integrated Learning: 2 periods**

1. Other business

**Grace voiced a concern that the water coolers are oftentimes empty and she stated the water “tastes funny”. Principal will follow up with caretaker about the cleaning protocols for the machine.**

**Committee confirmed that all supports are available to students during online learning.**

1. Public Input

* **No public submissions**

1. Next Meeting

* **June 16, 2021**

1. Adjournment

* **Meeting adjourned at 6:54 by Tanya Mercer**