

School Advisory Council • Sackville Heights Junior High

Meeting Summary

June 21, 2023, 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

6:00 pm by Tanya Mercer, seconded by Jen Knight

Attendance: Paula Fairbairn, John Mumford, Jeff Carruthers, Jen Knight, Tanya Mercer, Rhonda Cox, Becky Payzant, Jill Cormier, Dallas MacDonald.

Regrets: Kim Best-Janes, Phoenix Pichette, Essence Pichette, Sarah Greenham, Bella Duffley

2. Approval of Agenda

John Mumford

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary – April 26, 2023

Jill Cormier

4. Business Arising from Previous Meeting Summary -

- Year-end dance – well attended, VIP room for grade 8s
- Awards ceremony – separate for each grade level, in cafeteria, staff and students only

5. Regional Student Success Plan (RSSP) (standing agenda item)

- CHALLENGE OF PRACTICE How do we align and strengthen regional, school and classroom practices so every student has access to equitable learning experiences in spaces where they feel a sense of belonging, acceptance, and value so they can best learn and succeed in our priority areas of **Mathematics, Literacy and Well-Being**?

6. New Business

a) School Food and Nutrition Policy SAC survey – completed by SAC.

b) SAC annual survey – review of results

- HRCE had a 93% completion rate.
- 420 vacancies on SACs across the province.
- On average, 41% of SACs have a full member complement, while 59% do not.
- Community members are the most difficult member category to fill, followed by staff.
- 141 SACs have SAC Agreements that allow for designated seats to reflect the diversity of your school community.

c) Admin Report

School Population

- 675
- International student program students for next year

Staffing

- Support staff job action

Professional development

- Transition meetings with elementaries and high school
- Gr 6 parent/student orientation June 8

Emergency Management

- Fire Drill May 15
- June fire drill postponed.

School wide activities

- Student Success Survey 2023
- RWM8
- Pride Month activities

School Clubs, Activities and Athletics

- MUSICAL!!
- Dance June 15
- Kinball
- Track and Field
- Momma Mia at Millwood
- Grade 6s swimming Dartmouth Sportplex
- Chess tournament
- Glass lab trips
- Gr 8 trip to Shubencadie
- Band concert
- Band movie trip
- Grade 7 movie trip
- Gr 7/8 trip to Grand Pre
- Softball

Report Cards

- Electronically June 30 – **parent reps indicated that while the email is a good way to receive the report card, the link required for the most recent report is not at the top.**

d) SAC annual report

- Report shared with SAC and posted on school website.

e) SSP annual report

- Mathematics: conferencing, COP, Thinking Classroom, fact fluency, Challenge: grit/resiliency
- Literacy: voice/choice, backwards design, workshop model, inquiry-based approach, challenge: writing process
- Well-Being: equity team, internal student survey, 2SLGBTQIA+, mindfulness Mondays, yoga wellness group

f) SAC grant monies

- Opening balance \$5295.23, Closing balance 3245.36 (classroom library books, sewing machines, flexible seating, scientists in schools workshops)

g) Other Business

- SAC parent reps would like to see the announcements on the school website each day, consistently. Admin will discuss with announcement crew for next year.
- One of our accessible parking spots is not wide enough and is not clearly labelled. This second spot was installed for a staff member who is no longer at SHJH so the label needs to be painted over.

h) Committee members for next year

- **Returning: Dallas MacDonald, Rhonda Cox, Becky Payzant, Jill Cormier (1st year of 2nd term)**
- **Not Returning: Phoenix Pichette, Essence Pichette**
- **Unknown: Sarah Greenham**

7. Public Input

n/a

8. Next Meeting

Meeting dates for 2023-2024: September 20/23, November 8/23, January 10/24, March 6/24, April 24/24, June 19/24.

9. Adjournment

- **6:39 pm Dallas MacDonald**