

School Advisory Council • Sackville Heights Junior High

Meeting Agenda

February 16, 2022 6:00 pm

In attendance: Rhonda Cox, Sarah Greenham, Jill Cormier, Paula Fairbairn, Jeff Carruthers, Jenn Knight, Chris Dawson, Tanya Mercer, Becky Payzant,

Regrets: Bella Duffley, Sabrina Pichette, Phoenix Pichette, Essence Pichette, Kim Best Janes

1. **Call to Order** - 6:06 pm, by Sarah Greenham, Approved Rhonda Cox / Jenn Knight
2. **Approval of Agenda** - Jill Cormier / Mr. Dawson
3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Summary - Dated November 17, 2021** - Tanya Mercer/ Becky Payzant
4. **Business Arising from Previous Meeting Summary**
 - n/a
5. **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.

SLC meeting today, discussed Grade 8 math data. Regular meeting with other principals about students who are not meeting expectations in Grade 8 math. Approximately 200 students in Grade 8 at SHJH. First Pull of data, 26 not meeting, then 28 and most recently 59 students. Lots of kids on the cusp of meeting expectations. Relatively about the same number as compared to the other large junior highs, GP Vanier and Rocky Lake. Math support teacher is back with us, as we share them with AJ, they will target support to the kids on the cusp.

6. **New Business**

- a) **School entrance** – potholes/general condition of the road
Coming up from Sackville Drive, call to 311, HRCE not theirs, no one would take

ownership. Parents got involved and made some calls.

In the end HRCE is responsible for road. Potholes will be filled in and make sure road is kept up. Curbs in front of school are crumbled away, which makes it dangerous for loading buses. Went to tender and curbs will be replaced.

b) Student recognition – Fabulous Falcons

Used to have GOTCHAs at the school, changed it to Fabulous Falcons, for rewarding positive behaviour. End of the month grade level draws, at Christmas we drew for chocolate bars, January they received Blizzards. Money comes out of student fees, using leftover funds.

c) School dances

Dances could occur with masks under safety protocols. Didn't want to entertain those thoughts.

Question came up about proms. Strang said to start planning for it. Going to gather more information and report back.

d) SAC Grant Expenditures

Teacher supplies. \$7096

Spent \$480 x 2. Scientists in schools workshops. More planned for future.

Bought a wheelchair accessible table.

Stand Up Desks. \$1400

Speaker Amps to amplify voice in classroom. Greater for those with hearing issues and for teachers not to strain their voice.

Carts were purchased to help assist to move supplies to class.

Horseshoe table for conferencing.

Books from Tattletales for a Grade 7 classroom.

Clock Parts for Tech. Ed. programming.

Balance of \$2816.60

Learning Centre looking for a Pack of fidget toys. Agreed by SAC.

e) Admin Report

- Staffing updates:

Math coach.

Math support teacher - Back with us again.

Gr 6 and 7 resource: Mr. Geoffrey Harrison-Edge (Feb. 1)

Learning Center: Mr. Goldberg (Jan. 4) - 60% teacher.

- Teacher Learning: Upcoming Feb.18 – focus on the new Student Assessment and Evaluation policy and procedures. Updated Provincial Policy that comes into effect next year.

- Student absence: Form to public health with 10% or more student absence (to date: once in Jan. and twice in Feb.) Maybe 5 times this year.
 - Staff absence: AESOP (sub calling system), coverage by non-classroom teachers, support from HRCE. If we are short epas, we've had to have kids in learning center as opposed to being in the classroom.
 - Black Heritage Month: Tunnel Vision (Grade 6s Dec. 9-10), Kwesi Millington (grade 8s) Feb.9, Black excellence school wide trivia challenge, quilt making, various in class activities.
 - Emergency Management: Hazard ID inspection - building manager came out, during all the rain last week so we had leaks and lots of damage, lockdown Feb.7 (RCMP present) Had to speak with 4 classes about the importance of the procedure.
 - Planning for 2022-2023: French immersion decisions, band decisions, guidance is working with Millwood for grade 9 registration.
 - Sports: Basketball – back up and running. No spectators.
 - Musical: Aladdin Junior – will be postponed to next year. Missed too much time. Will ask for the rights to be extended.
- f) Student Rep Voice - On next agenda.

7. Public Input - No observers (NA)

8. Next Meeting: April 13 / 22, June 22 / 22.

9: Other Business:

Mr. Mercer reported that Candy Grams made almost \$800, Sackville Area Warming Centre. Grade 8's during Integrated Learning time have taken on leadership roles.

10. Adjournment: (6:45, Mrs. Fairbairn)