

**Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School  
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
Virtual Meeting**

November 16, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

In attendance- Andrea Brophy, Suzanne Delaney, Shannon Boyle, Shelley MacKenzie, Allan Armsworthy, Jack MacDonald, Trevor MacIsaac and Angela Penny

Absent- Melissa Smith, John Blackwell, Lorraine Reddick, Hilus Keay and Abby Jessome.

1. Meeting was called to order at 6PM. The agenda was approved by Suzanne Delaney and Shannon Boyle. No new items were added to the agenda for the evening.
  
2. Minutes from the previous meeting and ones for this current meeting will be forwarded to members by e mail. These will be differed and reviewed at our next meeting.
  
3. Old Business- Bylaws and Letter of the Agreement-
  - a. Senior Admin made some edits at the end of the year last year. These simply have to be approved in order to move forward. The suggestion from Senior Admin was that the membership by 1/3 community members, 1/3 staff and 1/3 parents. It is highly encouraged that council seeks out 1 Indigenous and 1 African Nova Scotian. The bylaws and Letter of Agreement will be differed and reviewed next meeting with Student Council Co-Presidents present.
    - i. We must be cautious that we have more community members on the council than staff. We need to recruit members of Indigenous and ANS backgrounds. Mr. MacDonald will connect with Mrs. Reddick.
    - ii. Communicate vacancies on Council prior to next meeting. These would be posted on Dr. John Hugh Gillis website and alerts to Parents/Guardians. Submissions to Mr. MacDonald prior to next meeting

in December. Interested members will be invited to attend. Mr. Armsworthy suggested that the Dept of Education is also able to support the recruitment process.

4. New Business- Has there been proposed changes to SAC's by the Dept? Nothing new has come from the Dept. The last focus of the Dept was on Bylaws and Letter of Agreement.
  - a. Will the Dept be providing PD for members of the SAC's? Mr. MacDonald will invite Mrs. Wanda Fougere to attend meeting to provide support, answer questions and provide updates.
  - b. Can links to meetings be sent widely to invite public to view SAC meetings? Can Zoom allow public to view without ability to participate and provide input? Ms. Delaney will check with Brian V.
  - c. Covid Protocols- All members of the school community are expected to practice covid protocols- Masks, handwashing and social distancing when without mask. Proof of Vaccination is required between 8:30-2:30. Students do not require POV. Staff will have to provide POV by end of November.

Mrs. Brophy expressed concern about students not feeling well being sent to the YHC. At this time, students not feeling well should be referred to the isolation room and parents contacted to arrange pick up.
  - d. Air Handling- Handled by Operations. Filters have been changed numerous times . They are set to be changed next week.
  - e. Student Success Plan- The plan focusses on Literacy, Math and Climate/ Positive, Safe Learning Environment. The focus during the pandemic was well being. Currently, out focus is on mental health and well being. Work is being done to grow in Literacy and Numeracy as well. The focus has become Learning Environment as a result of a recent racial incident which took place at the school. This revealed the need for more education in this area. The students and staff are involved in anti-black racism workshops and PD days with SRCE staff, as well as, Wendy MacKey from STFX.

Mr. Armsworthy acknowledged and thanked the staff of Dr. JHG for all their work. Ms. Boyle celebrated the work of the student council and communication practices at the school.

5. Items for next meeting:

- a. Mrs. Penny would like to discuss 3500\$ for Grad this year.
- b. Mrs. MacKenzie would like to discuss or receive update on hire of evening janitors- Worker shortage
- c. Mr. Armsworthy would like to look at the "Wall of Honor"
- d. Report from the Student Council to be added to the agenda.
- e. Will the upper parking lot be gated as previously discussed?

6. Next meeting- December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and will most likely be held virtually.

Ms. Boyle motioned to adjourn meeting at 7PM and Mrs. Brophy seconded it.