

School Advisory Council
Meeting minutes- December 6th, 2018

Members present: Alan Armsworthy, Jack MacDonald, Charles MacDonald, Jason Dayman, Mary Ann Burke, Lorraine Reddick, John Blackwell, Janie Lumsden, Cathy Walsh and Suzanne Delaney

Regrets: Leedi Penny, Angela Penney, Andrea Brophy, Kara MacDougall and Malcolm Cameron

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Armsworthy- approved by John Blackwell and seconded by Cathy Walsh.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved by Suzanne Delaney and seconded by Charles MacDonald. A recommendation was made to have a sign-up sheet at each meeting to facilitate minute taking by the secretary. Suzanne will prepare a sign-up sheet for next meeting.

As part of Old Business, Jack McDonald updated members with regards to Sexual Exploitation Unit discussions with Cst. Morgan MacPherson. Cst. MacPherson will check into it and confirm the age of the audience for such presentations.

The Cyber Safety Presentations have taken place for all students at Dr. JH Gillis.

It was suggested by Cathy Walsh that in the future SAC meeting be kept to 1 hour (max 1:15) in duration, if possible. There was consensus from all group members that this suggestion be accepted.

Bylaws and SAC Agreement:

-There is work to be done with Bylaws and SAC Agreement.

- Members discussed the possibility of scheduling an extra committee meeting to work on these. Some of the questions brought forward around this work included:

- How do we offer the option to participate in this work?
- Who should we have working on this project? How do we extend the invitation to parents?
- We want to encourage flexibility and fluidity. We would like to see it as an open invitation to participate, especially to those whose strengths include working in policy. It is important to get all school members involved in reading and developing policy.

- We will move forward with posting agenda and meeting minutes on our school website. The Bylaws and SAC Agreement documents could be posted and alert sent out to invite parent to provide input and feedback.

Extra –Curricular Policy Review: The draft document was reviewed with members of the SAC. Some of the points brought up and discussed further included:

- Safety and Security of students is # 1.
- Not all extracurricular opportunities are the same and therefore, cannot all fall under the same policies without jeopardizing the safety and security of students.
- Factors that make each opportunity unique may include who the adult volunteers are, their age and experience, the group of students participating, the distance to be traveled, the destination and whether or not it's an overnight stay.
- The Principal or Designate should have final say and the flexibility to choose and make decision based on each individual circumstance.

Suzanne will send the policy review feedback to the Department of Education by filling in the google form online.

Next meeting is scheduled to take place on January 15th @ 6pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 7:09 by Cathy Walsh.