

School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2019

In Attendance:

Suzanne Delaney, Sheila Sears, Shannon Boyle, Leedi Penny, Charles MacDonald, Jason Dayman, Allen Armsworthy, Melissa Smith, Kara MacDougall, Mary Ann Burke, Janie Lumsden and Cathy Walsh

Regrets: Malcolm Cameron, John Blackwell

Call to order was made at 6:10 pm by Chair, Allen Armsworthy.

The Meeting agenda was approved by Cathy Walsh and seconded by Sheila Sears.

Mary Ann Burke approved the minutes from previous meeting. Leedi Penny seconded them.

Old Business:

Suzanne reported to members that the feedback form for the Extracurricular Policy Review was completed online and submitted. For future online submissions, we will request a copy of the feedback form so that the committee members may have a copy.

The **Wall of Honor** was added to the agenda under Old Business.

- The idea is to recognize former DR. JH Gillis students who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.
- It was discussed in the past as a possible project between Legion members and Student Council.
- It is important to recognize the importance of such a project. We must take proper steps to ensure that it is carefully planned.
- Thoughts/ Action:
 - o This could be included as part of the Renovation Project.
 - o Cathy Walsh and Allen Armsworthy are willing to collaborate in order to initiate talks, research and plans off the ground.
 - o TBD: What students get involved in this project?
 - o TBD: What will be included as part of the Wall of Honor?
 - o Shannon Boyle will consult with Fraser Dunn. He was involved in the project at SACS.
 - o It was suggested that a consistent form be used to gather information gathered for each of the honorees.
 - o The Wall of Honor will be brought back for discussion at the February meeting.

New Business:

1. A copy of the Letter of Agreement was handed out. Members were encouraged to read through and bring it back to the group at the next meeting.

A motion was made to set up a committee to look at the updated SAC handbook, the role of its members, the election process and to discuss recruitment of new members. Melissa Smith made the motion. Mary Anne seconded it. Everyone present agreed.

The following members have volunteered to be a part of the committee: Janie Lumsden, Leedi Penny, Allen Armsworthy and Jack MacDonald.

2. Allen Armsworthy suggested that it would be appropriate for the new Acting Regional Executive Director to come visit with SAC members and review results of Air quality in parts of the building. These tests were done last year, but never discussed at the last meeting with Mr. Rice.

Action: Jack MacDonald will invite Mr. Paul Landry, Ian Fraser and Karen MacDonald to the next SAC meeting.

3. Custodial Absences /Replacements:

There is a concern when custodians are not replaced for their evening shift. This is SRCE policy. School Principals are now involved in interview process, but even with more hires, the policy remains the same.

Action: To be discussed further at the next meeting with possibility of requesting more services.

Special Reports: Student council

Kara MacDougall reported on the following activities:

School Fundraiser involving students and staff challenges- \$5000 raised and very successful.

Hat Day for Cathy's place- \$ 500.00 raised.

A School Clothing order has been placed.

Improvements noted on stairs in upper parking. The salt is helping at this time.

Student Council would like to investigate the possibility of having a therapy dog present for Mental Health Day 2019.

Mrs. Lumsden proposed that student council elections take place by the end of April-early May.

- This will allow new members to take part in some of the leadership opportunities that take place late year.
- Encourage new members to begin their role at the end of the year

Action: Administration will decide the date of elections.

Principals Report:

-Mr. Dayman reported on cultural activities which have taken place and those that will take place in the future.

- The Sports Team Banners will be hung in the gym this year.

-Coach Gail MacDougall to be recognized at the game Feb 6th for her 900th win as the coach of the DR JH Gillis girls basketball team.

-Mr. Jack MacDonald reported on upcoming exam dates and marking period.

-Students have one full cycle to decide on semester 2 course selection.

-February is African Heritage Month- daily announcements will be presented to students and staff. African drumming presentations are to take place and classroom celebrations.

-Sexualized Violence and Consent presentations will take place in February.

-The renovation project will commence after exams. The roof on the library is being replaced. The LC, the Library and Presentation room will have to be closed off at some point. The project will also include outdoor work with retaining wall, grade and water drainage and the sidewalk by the gymnasium.

-The project is being completed now in order to meet April 1st budget deadlines.

-The Air quality tests were completed for both the maker Space and Mrs. Shield's room. Both rooms were cleared.