

Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
March 12th, 2019

In Attendance:

Allen Armsworthy (Community Member), Leedi Penny and Janie Lumsden (Teachers, Dr. JH Gillis), Charles MacDonald (VP, Dr. JH Gillis), Jason Dayman (VP, Dr. JH Gillis), Suzanne Delaney (VP, Dr. JH Gillis) Jack MacDonald (Principal, Dr. JH Gillis), John Blackwell (Parent)

Regrets: Sheila Sears (Parent), Shannon Boyle (Parent), Malcolm Cameron and Kara MacDougall (Student Council Reps)

Call to order made at 6:07pm by Chair, Allen Armsworthy.

The Meeting Agenda approved by Leedi Penny and seconded by John Blackwell.

The Meeting Minutes approved by Suzanne Delaney and seconded by Leedi Penny.

Old Business:

A discussion took place regarding the draft **LOA** prepared by the province. Concerns tabled included:

- Administration not included in the Provincial draft.
- Number of parents in the Council

It was proposed by Janie Lumsden that we move forward with a motion on the floor that the 1st draft of the LOA be passed, e-mailed to other members of the Council. Members will be asked to report back at the next SAC meeting.

The Bylaws: The draft document of provincial bylaws were discussed. It was suggested that a lead sentence be added to the document stating the focus of the School Advisory Council being the students and the school. Furthermore, that a reminder of what we should be addressing at SAC meetings be clearly stated in the school handbook.

Suggestions brought forward included:

- Inviting Grade 8 parents to the last SAC meeting of the year and holding elections in June in preparation for Sept.
- How do we promote the SAC and advertise available positions on the Council.
- Community members needing to reside in the geographical area of the school (Motion to change stakeholders)
- Maximum of consecutive terms

Moving forward, a motion was tabled (by J. Blackwell that the draft bylaws be sent out to Council members for review. The motion seconded by Leedi.

The Wall of Honor: No new updates presented this evening.

The Renovation Project: The work is underway. Weekly meetings are taking place to discuss progress. This far, all jobs are on target without issues. Questions arising from the Council members:

-Will they replace the gravel around the Skilled Trades Shop and leave the area in the same condition it was before the renovation project started? We must assure things are left as they were.

- Mr. Blackwell moved a motion forward requesting group support for:

- Additional air quality testing.
- Random testing throughout the cultures done for mold
- A second opinion from another firm.
- Testing to be completed while students and staff are in the building in order to get the most accurate results.

The motion seconded by Suzanne Delaney

Mr. Armsworthy will draft a letter and submit it to Jack MacDonald. Mr. MacDonald will send it to Mrs. Karen MacDonald at SRCE offices.

Added to Agenda: Custodian Replacement

This item was left to be discussed at the next meeting

New Business:

Graduation Scholarships and Bursaries:

The goal is to be moving to paperless, however, understanding that not all students can or will access this one and only mean, the google classroom is updated, paper copies are posted on the Guidance Bulletin Board and copies made available to students.

-Important to encourage students to seek information around what is available to them from their post-secondary institution of interest.

-Continue to consult with students around references, CV's and transcripts

-External awards continue are added to the google classroom.

-The booklet has been updated and will continue to be

-School to send alert to Parents/Guardians regarding scholarships.

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 7:00 PM by Charles MacDonald.