

# School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

In Attendance:

Leedi Penny, Kara MacDougall, Malcolm Chisholm, Allan Armsworthy, Jason Dayman, Suzanne Delaney, Jack MacDonald. Andrea Brophy, Cathy Walsh, J Blackwell and Angela Halfpenney

1. Welcome and Introductions: Individuals present introduced themselves to other council members.
2. The agenda is approved by J. Blackwell and C. Walsh.
3. We were unable to review minutes from the last SAC meeting. The minutes for that meeting are currently not available. School admin will look for these prior to the next meeting.
4. Update on new School Advisory Councils: Mr. MacDonald shared the following.
  - a. The new regulations will be coming shortly- as early as next month.
  - b. School Administration have been advised that Councils can start up and /or continue.
  - c. A budget of \$5000 + \$1 per student will be provided to each Council to support student achievement.
  - d. The role of SAC members will be shared with schools and Councils soon.
  - e. Questions:
    - i. Is there a timeline for these changes to be shared?
    - ii. Will there be PD offered to Council members by the SRCE or at Provincial level?
5. Student Success Planning:
  - a. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3 year plan.
  - b. Mr. MacDonald shared current goals and strategies.
  - c. Individual teachers have been asked to look at closely and elaborate on how they came about so that we can assess where we are as a school and where we go next in order to improve.
6. Old Business:
  - a. Mr. Landry and Mr. Rice are invited to attend the School Advisory Council meeting to update the members and school community on capital projects at Dr. J.H. Gillis.
    - i. The summer projects discussed: the work done at the back side of the school??, new sidewalks, drainage and grass hydro seed)
    - ii. Questions: What engineering firm has been overseeing these projects?
7. New Business:
  - a. The DoE appointed 15 members to its Board of Education.
  
8. School Extra Curricular: Mr. Dayman shared the following information.

- a. A coaches meeting took place to review transportation, practices and procedures and policies.
  - b. We continue to look for volunteers for dances and other schools based events
  - c. CAR and CRC are now good for three (3) years and interviews completed yearly.
  - d. Approximately 25 volunteers have come forward so far.
  - e. The goal around policies is to make it consistent across the province. That is not what is currently in practice. Each Center for Education has its own travel policy.
9. Student Council update: Kara MacDougall and Malcolm Chisholm Shared the following.
  - a. The Student Council has met 3 times. There are 38 members on the Student Council.
  - b. Activities were shared with SAC members
    - i. Orientation Day, Pep Rally, Grade level Assemblies, Terry Fox event, Orange Shirt Day.
  - c. The goal of the council is to increase diversity within the council. There are reps from each grade level, an International Student Rep, a Student of Unity Rep and a co-head for the Yearbook.
  - d. There are currently 27 International Students
  - e. A dance was held on Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. ( There was discussion about the start time for dances)
  - f. There is a plan to have a Halloween Dance.
  - g. Fundraiser Update: Reusable straw sales and SPC card sales.
  - h. There is a concern around price for athletic funding. Team fundraisers need to be approved. School Admin is encouraging a few larger fundraisers vs. many small ones per team.
10. Student Services: Ms. Delaney shared supports and services available in supporting students.
11. Principals Report: Mr. MacDonald gave an update:
  - a. Three school/community goals: Safety, Respect and Inclusivity.
  - b. Community Partnerships in helping us deal with Drugs/ Alcohol, Cyber Safety and Sexualized behaviours. Positive feedback is given concerning alerts sent home promoting safety at dances and reminders of consequences.
12. Moving forward:
  - a. The agenda for SAC meetings will be forwarded to the Chair 3 days in advance
  - b. The next meeting dates were selected: October 16<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>. 6PM meeting time was confirmed.
13. Meeting adjourned at 7:20