

SAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Nov. 27th

In Attendance:

Neave O'Neill, Weylin Strydon, Paul Jackson, Maddie Seclara, Kelsey Johnston, Stratos Lazaros, Nikki Conrad, Quintina Rolle (virtual)

Approval of Minutes: Maddie Seclara and seconded by Neave O'Neill

Student Report:

- Washrooms & Locker Rooms
 - Issues with the ceiling downstairs
 - Locker room stalls need to be repaired (locks, etc.)
 - Dividers in the boys' bathroom between urinals
 - Fix gaps between stall doors in the girls' washroom
- Broken windows in the school
- Repair/replace desks
- Repair the clock in the gym
- Fix the broken chairs or replace them
- Fans for classrooms
- Compost bins for the classrooms
- Soccer nets and more soccer balls (outside at lunch)
- Replace locks with newer ones
- Popcorn Fridays
- More variety for breakfast program/snack bins
- Updated chromebooks for school
- Remind students to lock their lockers

Principal's Report:

- 368 students enrolled (5 new registrations between now and January)
- Mr. MacPhee is away for medical reasons and is tentatively returning in January. Ms. Johnston has stepped in as acting Principal, and Mr. Lewis is assisting as Vice-Principal
- No Stone Left Alone ceremony took place at Gorsebrook this year in the gym due to the weather
- Mark Black was an inspirational guest speaker who came to talk in a school-wide assembly, looking at booking another assembly in the new year
- Trips - Grade 7s went to Africville, and two Grade 8s travelled to NFLD to participate in a STEM competition, which they won. Upcoming - Grade 9s going to the legislature, Grade 7 & 8 French-immersion students will be going to a French movie soon

- Ms. Ugursal is away, and Mr. Dooley has stepped into her role
- Grade 9 Trip is underway - parent meeting has taken place. We have added a behaviour contract
- Duke of Edinburgh registration has begun, and students are beginning to volunteer and log their hours
- Volleyball season is coming to an end - amazing season for both female-identifying and male-identifying teams
- Basketball season is starting - tryouts have already begun
- Clothing order fundraiser for PTA has just closed - clothing should be back before the holiday break
- We have Parent-Teacher conferences coming up next week (Dec. 3rd & 4th)
- Report cards should be sent home today or tomorrow
- Grade 7 immunization takes place on Dec. 5th
- The holiday concert is on Dec. 8th
- School Success Planning - Literacy, Math and Well-being. We have finished our first short cycle for that, and we are implementing strategies and will be using Integrated Learning time to teach students about some well-being topics
- RWM8 data from last year - we are above in all categories for math and almost all categories in literacy in comparison to the whole province and the HRCE.
- SAC conference tomorrow at the Halifax Convention Centre. Ms. Johnston and Quintina will attend tomorrow

New Business:

- Funding request: The Readers Rumble Club has requested \$310 (of \$620 total) to purchase books to be able to compete (voted on, unanimously approved)
- Feedback: Nova Scotia lunch program has just completed its first 6-week cycle. It has been going well. Grade 8 & 9 students pick up their lunches in the board room, and Grade 7s from the main office. We have been ordering extra meals to ensure no students are hungry. We have cut down on the extra meals due to food waste. We typically have 30 extra meals ordered each day. From the students' perspective - not as warm as possible, not as tasty as hoped. Issues with garbage due to the program, especially outside. An estimated 1/3 of the school is participating
- E-scooter theft occurred out front. This is not the first time this has happened. We don't have surveillance cameras outside that monitor that area. The school is not responsible for stolen items. The recommendation is to file a police report. It wouldn't be in the budget this year to purchase and install cameras. It is a priority for our school and PTA to find a solution. Looking into putting up a sign that says "under surveillance" as a deterrent.

Budget:

- **\$2600** - \$1500 (for bench and garbage can) = \$1100

Next Meeting: January 22nd