

MINUTES

Digby Neck Consolidated School Advisory Council Meeting

September 23, 2024

Members present: Donna Tidd, Gwen Quigley-Wilson, Staci Sherman, Kaylie Trimper, Alice Dugas, Lori Dunn

SAC agreement, purpose and structure:

The SAC agreement was distributed, bylaws, structure and purpose of the SAC was discussed. Lori Dunn will ask if Staci Sherman is allowed to sit as parent rep on the council.

SAC membership:

The following members will sit on the SAC at the present time.

Community members: Donna Tidd, Gwen Wilson

Teacher: Kaylie Trimper

Parent: Staci Sherman

Support staff: Alice Dugas

Principal and non-voting member: Lori Dunn

All members voted to have Donna Tidd as chair of the SAC for the next term.

Principal Update - Lori Dunn:

Lori shared about staff, grade configurations and the addition of Pre-Primary to the school. Enrollment is currently 20 students. Pre-Primary numbers are lower than expected, but the program is still in operation for now. Numbers are expected to be higher next year.

The Provincial School lunch program will be starting at DNCS on October 28th. Renovations are currently being completed in the kitchen. New appliances are arriving. Wendy Williams is currently cooking in the kitchen. The food service staff position will be posted soon.

The cell phone directive is new this year. All schools will be following it. Issues are not anticipated at the elementary level.

The goals for the Student Success Plan (SSP) were shared. The well-being goal is for students to have a sense of belonging and feel welcomed at the school. Literacy goal is to increase reading and writing achievement. Math is to increase achievement in a number sense.

Lori will be attending the SAC provincial conference and will report back on this at the next meeting.

Discussion: SAC funds

SAC funds are primarily to support SSP goals. In order to promote the well-being/sense of belonging goal, a new school sign will be purchased. T-shirts will also be purchased for the students. All voted in agreement to spend these funds.

HPS update:

Staci Sherman gave an HPS update. She is working with Cara Sunderland to work on promoting health with our students. They will be doing focus group surveys with students and working on trail development.

Public Input:

None

Next meeting: October 21, 2024