

MINUTES

Digby Neck Consolidated School Advisory Council Meeting

March 31, 2025

Members present: Donna Tidd, Staci Sherman, Gwen Wilson, Lori Dunn, Alice Dugas

Review and approval of previous minutes

Minutes from November were unanimously approved.

Previous meeting discussion items:

There has been no update to the school emergency plan that was initiated by the TCRCE Safety and Operations Team.

Thirty chairs have now arrived and are in the cafe space. These can be used for future events that are held at the school.

Principal Update - Lori Dunn

Cycle 3 of the Student Success Plan is underway. Based on recent school data goals continue to be on increasing student reading and writing levels as well as number fluency in Math. The school well-being goal is having students demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways and the continuation of having students feel safe and have a sense of belonging.

African Heritage was celebrated with a variety of activities in the individual classrooms. Joanna and Pat Jarvis also helped us celebrate with some African drumming.

Students participated in a variety of winter activities including skating at the Digby rink as well as snowshoeing and sliding.

Anna-Marie Mackenzie Kelly and Janet McNeill are working with the Grades 3-6 students during Music class. They have been doing ukulele lessons with the students.

End of year planning is gradually getting underway. Staffing has not been announced yet, but will likely be in April at some point.

HPS update - Staci

Staci gave an HPS update. Lori Sigfridson, Healthy Active Living Consultant, worked with Staci to help tighten up our HPS Action Plan. It is a multi-year plan up to 2027. The school is planning to do a mascot contest to help encourage a sense of community and belonging. The gaga ball pit and mud kitchen are still in the works for the playground. Playground activity kits as well as Physically Active Leaders are also being developed to help keep our students active and engaged in safe play. Staci is also reaching out to Candace Levings to support with trail development since we are a community hub for this area.

Discussion:

The SAC annual survey has been completed. The survey asks specific questions about SAC membership and how our SAC runs. The difficulty with getting parent involvement in our small school community was highlighted. It is difficult to get parent membership as some of our parents are TCRCE employees.

SAC funding - To date our remaining balance is \$5724.52. The SAC is being asked to support the purchase of more levelled book sets to help with small group guided reading instruction as is part of our SSP. We also have yet to purchase rolling whiteboards as was previously approved. The SAC was also asked to help pay for mural and classroom door painting done by Tiffany Barrett. A mural for kindness is being requested and students will help design what will be painted on classroom doors to encourage a sense of belonging. SAC members unanimously agreed to support these purchases.

Public Input:

None

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.