

Notes for SAC Monday Feb 26, 2024

Members present:

Lynn Myers, Debbie Christiano, Jennipher MacCormack, Tammy MacSween, Bethany Martin, Sharon MacLean, Susan Baird, Jennifer MacIntyre, Daniel Macguire, Angie Harvie

Parent - Jesslyn Fraser

Regrets: Ron Muller and Nadine Palmizi

Missing: Rev. Brian MacLeod

Lynn Myers opened with Land Acknowledgment.

Approval of the minutes from November 2024 meeting.... Approved by Sharon MacLean

SSP- Update

Susan Baird did the SSP update explaining that the staff has done four assessment modules. The teachers have been sharing their success criteria with the students and allowing students to have voice in developing the criteria. The coordinator of programs and assessment Conall Donovan will be coming to the school to do professional development on Conversation Observation and Product.

Discussion on Carolyn Keber interview

One member presently responded to doing the interview. Jennipher and Angie Harvie showed interest. Lynn instructed anyone interested to let her know and she will set it up.

Winter Carnival

All levels (elementary, middle school and highschool) are having a winter carnival March 4-8 (the week before March Break).

Skating

All levels have attended skating and the second skate for the middle school that was missed due to the storm days was re-scheduled.

Discussion on the SAFE ARRIVAL program

There were a few concerns that came out of this discussion:


There is no part day option.

There is no option for reasons.

Wondering how easy it is for kids to call themselves off.

Reporting Child absent: new program called safe arrival

- Thank you to everyone who has been using the new Safe Arrival Program.

 Family FAQ with Website - Safe Arrival.pdf

To report your child absent, you can use any of the following methods:

Toll-Free Number

Call **1-833-673-8243** to report an absence using an automated system.

School Messenger Website

Go to <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home> and select *Sign In* at the top right. Use the email address that is on file with the school to create a username. The website will prompt you to create a unique password for this account.

SchoolMessenger App

Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address). Please note that you must download the app that has the blue logo (not yellow).

All three methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Absences can be reported at any time before the start of school on the day the student will be absent. Up to five consecutive absences can be recorded at once.

Class Configuration

Angie Harvie spoke about class configuration for next year. She explained that we are presently looking at starting the year with the same configuration that we started last year, including two 1-2 splits and two 4-5 splits. This is the information we have for now based on our numbers.

Letter about Learning Centre

Discussion on the learning center,(increasing time supports from 50% to 100% for the next school year) its purpose and the letter. The letter was passed around for members to read.

Yearbook- digital

Lynn discussed the cost of a yearbook. Lynn is unable to do all of the work of the year book alone. Only one student showed up to the meeting plus 2 that landed there by chance after announcements. There will be further discussion on Thursday with the students.

Breton Driving School

The school should not be endorsing this company. Tammy MacSween introduced the idea but there were many that agreed - It was mentioned that there were a number of concerns in the past.

Items purchased

Games have been purchase \$669.89

Battleship, cards, trouble, what do you meme, crib. etc Lynn went through them all.

Cost share for karaoke machine \$161.00

Cost share for vacuum for the elementary \$74.75

Turkey dinner \$699.36

Cookies and milk- \$153.72

\$2873.90still in our account.

Turkey Dinner

Keith Bain will cover the turkey dinner next year.

New Volunteers

We need to recruit new members for the next generation of parent groups.

Pancake Breakfast

There will be a pancake breakfast and Jennipher MacCormak said that it is all organized.

Food insecurity

The SAC has recognized a need for supporting the students with food insecurity.

Discussion on an opportunity to have the highschool students work with the volunteer group on cooking experience. Angie Harvie mentioned that this may fall under the O2 program both for grants and for student hours.

Dishwasher

The dishwasher may not be working in the cafeteria.

Approval to hold funds

Discussion about swing set(stand alone design) location by bus loop for Middle School students. Lynn was given a quote of \$5639.00 for a 2 bay - 4 seater (10 foot high) swing set but this does not include installation. The Centre for Education will inspect installation but does not do the work themselves. It will be up to parent groups and the school to pay for up-keep, as it is with all other playground equipment. Lynn will look into a Health Promoting School Grant to help pay for the swing set.

Motion:

Tammy MacSween made a motion to buy a swing set for the bus loop area.

Motion carried, all in favor.

Strengthening Local voice - Innovative projects
Grants for student achievement

Grant

Jennipher MacCormack discussed- a grant was applied for through the county, we might not qualify as we are not a non for profit.

Crosswalk

Jennifer MacDonald messaged about a possible crosswalk and sent pictures including some fun multi color crosswalks. Lynn Myers will check with Bruce Morrison and Roman Braun about permissions and who is responsible for these areas.

Congestion in the parking lot

Jesslynn - congestion in the parking lot at pick up at the end of the day. There are people parking in the fire lane and in the middle of the parking lot.

Europe Trip

Debbie Christiano stated that she recognizes what an amazing opportunity this can be, she also wonders how it will affect all other fundraising- something to consider. Members of SAC questioned if the community can afford to support this level of fundraising, if it would affect other fundraising and future sustainability of this project.

Public Engagement Sessions

Three Public Engagement Sessions within the current academic year. I would like to thank you for participating in our first series of meetings held during the Fall and have attached an information memo detailing our **next session scheduled for March 6th at Memorial High from 6-7:30pm**. You may attend in-person or online this time.

April 29- next meeting

Meeting adjourned by Susan Baird at 7: 44pm