Baddeck Academy
Student Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, February 6th/2021

Present: Lynn Myers - Chairperson
Ron Muller - Principal
Marilyn MacLeod- Vice Principal
Jennifer MacIntyre

Gena MacLeod - Academic Support Teacher-High School/Gr 2 Integrated Mathematics

Parents - Sharon MacLean, Tammy MacSween, Perla MacLeod, Deborah Christiano, Jennifer MacCormack, Jen MacDonald, Gabbyand Roman Braun

Regrets - Natasha Kolanko, Patti Garland, Rev. Brian MacLeod

The meeting was called to order.

Last month's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. No errors or omissions.

Minutes approved by Sharon, 2nd by Tammy

Last Meeting - December 18th/2022 - Extra Meeting - Basketball Tournament
The basketball Tournament was very successful - Both Baddeck Teams took home gold medals.

Turkey Dinner - Turkey Bones that were saved - The chicken soup was made and served. - Another success with the students. They really enjoyed it.

New Items:

Link for funding distributed - Members viewed.

Ron - Nourish Grants - Some money for vegetables for soup
Snacks for students
Cafeteria Vouchers

The cafeteria is going well. The first day was today. They want to be in the school, preparing meals for the students. 1-year contract.

SSP Money - Students identified that they wanted a ping pong table - Asked Mr. Muller - was purchased.

Prom and Grad were discussed with students. Students decided they wanted something similar to last year. Meeting was then extended to grad parents. A Safe grad option was discussed and further decisions to be made. June 27th - Prom, June 29th- Grad

Proposed award at Grad - An award for the student who has struggled and has overcome these struggles. A nod to a former grad might be an option.

Student council approached administrators about having a wellness day at the end of each month. As long as it does not interrupt instructional time the school will support this idea form the students.

Students and staff at Baddeck Academy are celebrating African Nova Scotian Heritage month. Bulletin Boards, posters and cabinets are all visually displaying cultural items and information. Each class has a poster posted of an African Canadian who has impacted our country. Students will be going around to view posters and gather information for discussion in class.

Winter Carnival will be held before March Break. - Elementary may have a different date as assessments are held that week. The parent group would like to be informed as last year it was too late to do some things for the Elementary because they did not know it was happening a week early. SAC voiced how important it is to bring these things back as Covid has taken so many enjoyable things from the student in the past.

The SAC had a lengthy conversation about the school vandalism and school rules.
A copy of the rules can be found in the memo sent home to all students and parents, attached to the minutes or on the school website.

To adhere to the rules, students who are late are being monitored.They are doing better with coming in on time.

There have been some incidents over the past couple of months that have prompted the enforcement of the school rules and for them to be formally read through by the students.

There has been destruction, graffiti and vaping happening in the bathrooms as well as incident using excessive force causing damage to the locker room door.

Sign-out sheets for the bathrooms are being used and bathroom checks by two staff at a time are being done throughout the day to try and curb these situations.

Some of these unfortunate situations are happening during intramural times. The teacher that has intramurals is doing it on his own time and is allowing other students to watch. He does not have the time to be checking washrooms. If the phys-ed teacher agrees to continue with interrmurals, the locker rooms will be locked so that students cannot go into them unmonitored.

The SAC discussed the outcomes of these situations as it affects so many students.

Parents have offered to volunteer during the intramural time.

Bathroom issues are problems at other schools as it is unstructured and some students are using the time as a break. It has been framed to the students the extra work they are putting on our custodial staff (whom the students like and respect) with all the damage.

Vaping in the bathroom could result in a fine. Students are aware of the Code of Conduct

The SAC recommended that Mr. Muller send parents a memo with regard to the damages happening in the building and request that they have a conversation with

students about respect for the building and the financial side of fixing all the damages. The money could be spent on other things that are more motivating to them.

SAC members wanted the students to be able to email anonymously about situations as sometimes they do not want to come to the office where other students can see them.

Sports around exams time were also a concern. Some schools do not have sports the week before exams and some do not have it during the week of exams. Academics are to be put first during exam time; however, it is recognized that some students use sports as a release and they help refocus and are a stress reliever. Going forward sports will continue to only be cancelled the week of exams and not the week before.

The idea of putting magazines in the fishbowl seating area was raised. Press Commerce will supply the school with leftover magazines from the last month for a small fee. $410.00 per yea plus tax and delivery ($514.20 for 10 months of subscriptions). The SAC has agreed to cover this fee and after they have been read they can be recycled for use in the art room..

Tammy is going to look into having dietitian Ann Marion Willis visit the school as she is offering healthy snack options to the school for children. A contact email will be sent to Lynn to try and arrange something.

Jen MacDonald brought up the idea of bringing an extended french program to the school . SAC would need to advocate for this as we currently do not offer any extended french courses. The first step would be to draft a letter outlining the need for the programs.

PD for students. The committee overseeing this will get together once our police liaison officer gets back to us with a convenient date for the RCMP.. We are hoping this will happen at the end of April/first week of May.

Some parents were wondering about fund raising for new uniforms. This can be done but fund raising should be approved by the administration so that multiple fund raising is not happening at the same time.

Class trip to Quebec and Ottawa was mentioned. Administration will be having a meeting with students and parents to discuss the trip, fund raising, grade combinations and interest.

Meeting was adjourned by Debbie

Next Meeting is May 1st