

SAC Meeting Minutes February 3 2022

Attendance: Shawn Craven, Carlsin Cromwell, Jessica Forrest, Candy Mullen, Karen Raymond, Amanda Stone, Lori Dunn, Diane Saulnier, Sarah Thompson

Motion to Approve Minutes: Karen Raymond
Seconded by: Candy Mullen

SAC Highlights/Priorities:

Christmas cards were sent out before Christmas. There was no cost to SAC because of leftover stamps given by Mrs. Hankinson.

Funds for the year were received at the end of December. Funds are to be used to support student well being. We may need to approve funding via email so we can move ahead with opportunities as soon as possible.

Principal Update (provided by Lori Dunn):

After an early and extended holiday break followed by a week of virtual learning we are back to in person learning. We are following the back to school plan and classes have been put into cohorts (red: pre-primary, blue: primary to grade 2, orange: grade 3 and 4, yellow: grade 5 and 6). Students can share items and complete groupwork within their cohorts following public health protocols.

For African Heritage Month, Margaret Smith is doing activities to make students aware of the contributions of African Nova Scotians.

The GSA group (Gender Sexualities Alliance or Gay Straight Alliance) is starting in our school. Students in grade 5 and 6 were invited to participate. Several students attended the first meeting. Issues discussed were our preferred personal pronouns, what GSA is about and their ideas of what they would like to see happen in the future at our school. The GSA is a

safe space for students and we discussed some rules such as confidentiality, no judgment and the right to pass.

The cafeteria is still on hold. We are hoping to have Tisha cater take out meals, ordered in advance using an off site kitchen which is expected to be completed in February.

For Valentines Day classrooms can have celebrations. Students can bring in valentines or store bought treats. Healthy Promoting Schools will be providing healthy treats as well.

Sleds were purchased by Mary Thomas using a Digby Recreation grant.

The SSP is moving forward with the 3 goals. The plan was submitted to the TCRCE and was sent back with feedback.

Student attendance has been down a bit since the return to in person learning.

For Discussion:

Jared Purdy (Regional Executive Director) sent the SAC chair a letter concerning the operational issues at WCS including transportation concerns, outdoor classroom needs and the parking lot. SAC is concerned about safety in our parking lot due to winter weather, the narrowness of the driveway, amount of congestion and multiple drop off locations. It was suggested that a video be taken and sent to Mr. Purdy so he can see some of the challenges first hand. We will also look at short term changes we can make at WCS to improve safety.

Motion to Adjourn: Candy Mullen

Next Meeting: April 7 , 2022