

SAC Meeting Minutes(February 28/24)

In Attendance:

Danielle Aucoin
Vanessa Canova
Nancy Cameron
Michelle Piovesan
Aimee Romard
Lowell Cormier
Marcy MacKinnon
Martia MacLean
Luke MacKinnon
Jill Horwath

Welcome

School Success Plan: Danielle will send us a copy
Innovation Funding Application Guidelines- Danielle will send that to us.

CBVRCE Public Engagement Session- March (Greenfield
Family of Schools) The next one will be at Memorial and is to encompass
the whole region. Lewis will update us on it.

Coal Bowl: Coal Bowl will be April 1-6/24

Student Council Updates:

Spring Fling - no date yet
New Mascot came in. Bring in other schools for activities.

Danielle updated us on:

Career Day today

Scheduling is starting
Inventory lists were due today.

SAC Funds: Thursday morning with one group of kids and with teachers

Lewis MacDonald: Talked about inventory and the 360 camera to see what is in the rooms. What is being reused? (some desks, tables, technology, learning materials, green doors- they are fairly new). Inventory forms include what we are taking over and a wish list. Equipment list is not done yet. Furniture is done for classrooms. Storage - Teachers desks were specially selected.

Furniture will be here by the end of June, first of July.

Theatre will not be there yet. Cadets will come in over March break.

Greg Boone Questions from Lowell –

At Sept. 20/2024 meeting we appreciated the update Lewis provided. There was some talk about outfitting classroom/or related space for use as an extra music-band room.

1. Has that discussion on music room progressed or is it still being considered as an option? (there has been ongoing concerned expressed about not enough space for music program-as well as limited storage space).

Furniture that is going in the library will be put in storage in Sydney. For now, the library will serve as the second music room.

2. Has the planning to inventory, preserve and showcase the ‘legacy’ items been advanced and is there a plan or draft plan in place for that? (at the Sept. meeting Josh W.-redevelopment engineer said he was there to get it started-however it is up to the school to have a plan.)

Plan for the Legacy items- Trophies, pictures, art work (Outside of administrative office)

Design Consultants – signature art piece, Jeff Wilson is working on it with students.

3. Did design consultants talk with our art teacher to discuss possibility of creation of a signature (art) piece influenced by students? (it was noted at Sept. Meeting) Did the teachers and admin. Receive the list yet of what equipment and material will be in the new school? (it was supposed to be for teachers to review and provide an opportunity to feedback and identify additional items that will needed, moved or purchased)

No, they are working on asking them what they want in the classroom.

4. Will there be the ability to provide feedback/input on the initial design of new theatre/drama space ?

Design of the theatre- Lewis said that they had previous discussions on that already.

Lighting and sound may have some input but overall design is already laid out.

5. Whether there would be a stand alone move-transition coordinator put in place by operations/Centre for Ed., or school Admin. to help with coordination of the move to our new BEC. (Lewis said at that time it would likely be him. It's a tough task considering your overall responsibilities-I am not saying you can't do it, just help might be needed)

Lewis said that it is a big job but it will be done. The turnover will be in July.

6. Was approached by 3 people asking if former students/public would get a chance for one last walk through the old BEC before it is turned over for abatement/demolition. Is a one time-afternoon/evening type of walk about practical or possible?

Those things are in the works.

7. Can we also consider an open house for the community prior to the new BEC opening to students in September? (This type of activity would assist overall acceptance by our community and is an opportunity to showcase the build of a modern-new BEC to locals. Something we will be proud to promote.

We are transitioning from a legacy school with a strong history and reputation and look forward to building on and also strengthening our Breton Education Centre brand and reputation that has been earned over the many decades. (This would not be confused with any 'official' opening type of event. I realize government may want a formal official opening at some stage)

We can have a day where students can come in to see their classrooms and school, then maybe the public. Lewis said that this was a school thing.

Lowell will send Greg's questions to Danielle.

Lewis talked about: Community use agreement turns the gym over from 1:00 pm on school days and on weekends. It will become CBRM use after that .

Teachers are all getting carts.

Bleachers will be moved after graduation.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, April 10/24