

Baddeck Academy SAC Meeting
Monday April 28th, 2025

Present: Nadine Palmizi, Ron Muller, Lynn Myers, Susan Baird, Jennifer MacIntyre, Bethany Martin, Suzanne Davis, Jennipher MacCormack, Sharon MacLean, Tammy MacSween, Debbie Christiano

Meeting Started at 6:04pm

Land acknowledgement by Ron

Minutes from Feb 26th SAC meeting read and approved. Motioned by Susan Baird
Seconded by Bethany Martin

Old Business:

****Swing Set** - Originally the contractor Brock MacDonald was thinking that the swings could go across the bus lane and on the grass but Scott P and Tara G from Operations said it wasn't permitted to go there. So, now the new location will be roughly where the Gazebo is at the front of the school. We are just waiting for Brock to get back to us. The CBVRCE paid for the entirety of the swing set and we have to pay the 13 thousand set up fee plus the pea gravel (which is going to be \$7000 alone. Thanks to Perla and the other counsellors in Victoria County for the \$3000 donation towards this.

Parents mentioned concerns about the location of the swings when it comes to supervision of this area, especially with no LBG. This is certainly something we will have to figure out so to be ready when the swings are up and functional.

****Regional school supplies** - Lynn had reached out to the senders of the original email requisition more information before we committed to this endeavor. She did not hear back.

****Grade 12 celebrations** - Prom will be held Wednesday June 25th and Graduation will be held Friday June 27th. Any student bringing a date from another school must have their date vetted and approved by their own school.

****Innovation Grant** - There is a tight timeline to get things together to apply for this grant which can be up to \$10 000. We need to come up with a way that we could use the money. Suzanne Davis mentioned we could start a lunch time cooking program for the students.

****Adulting 101** - Everything is set in the way of presenters etc for our day on Thursday May 1st. We have the following presenter lined up:

Amanda Boutilier - Caper Base - Mental Health

Dave Peterson - Bus Garage

Matt Noble - Job interview skills etc.

Emma Nicholson/Dietician - Cooking

Const. Amoateng - Personal safety and Drinking

Students are set up in rotating groups and there will be three presentations in the morning and two in the afternoon. The parents group will provide healthy snacks.

****SAC two \$50 Gift Cards** - It was brought to our attention that at a recent Principals meeting, the Elementary Principals were asked to bring two \$50 Gift Certificates to be used as prizes in an upcoming information session being held at two Elementary schools in the CBVRCE. Principals were told to use SAC money to purchase these gift cards. Our SAC Chairperson, Lynn Myers mentioned that she is very unhappy with this decision to use SAC funds as they do not have the authority to disperse SAC money. It was not only disappointing but it was also very disrespectful. Ron said that he will definitely mention this at the next Principal's meeting.

New Business:

****Grade Configuration for next year:** Next school year we will have the following grade configurations:

P/1, P/1, 2,3,4,5,6,7,7,8,9,10,11,12

So this means that we have received another teacher for next year as well as a 50% Resource teacher.

Ron mentioned that he wants to make the Learning Center a full time Learning Center. We were trying to use Emily Gabriel as Tier 1 support this year but it didn't work out that way as the needs were just too great. Having a LC teacher there full time will much better service our needs. We will now use the additional 50% resource teacher to support Tier 1 in the High School/Middle School.

Parents were on board with this plan for next year because not only does it support the students who need it but it also creates a classroom that benefits the rest of the students as well.

Jennifer asked if the P/1's were split because of number or because of behavior. Ron mentioned that there are definitely things that we take into consideration when we do this especially when we do not have our TA allotment for next year yet. We would love to get an additional TA for next year but the problem always is if someone will apply for it. Ron explained that there are different certifications for TA's as some are required to do medical tasks and others are not.

Tammy asked if there may be a chance that there will be more combined classes happen in September but Ron assured her that there will not be any more combined classes than what was just mentioned. The Grade 5 teacher is aware that she is close to cap and understands that there will be no change to a combined class even if the numbers go up..

****Scholarships** - Ron said schools are running into issues of bigger awards being given and then after the fact, the receiving student does not attend college/university. There may have been a requirement to receive the award in the first place or their area of study may have been a requirement and if a student does not attend or changes their field of study they may not be entitled to that award. It also needs to be noted that some scholarships are assigned by the giver and others tell the school to pick someone. Our GC Vincent designed a wonderful database to track scholarships and most schools in the CBVRCE use it.

****Uniforms** - We are having difficulty getting uniforms back. An option we are thinking about is to keep their Cap and Gown until all property of Baddeck Academy is returned.

****School Matrix** - There is a new Code of Conduct coming out in September. We met as an entire school community to make sure everyone is on board and the plan is to have all schools in the province on board. We had lots of voices bringing information and thoughts to our school matrix. We do acknowledge that one size does not fit all as one person's values do not align with others values.

We have started to develop a school matrix in a proactive measure keeping in mind we do not want to make it too complicated and we want to make it as part of our SSP next year. We want to focus on positive language and respect for **SOLE - Self Others Learning and the Environment**.

Thank you to Sharon MacLean who has been an integral member of the SAC and our parent group. She will be stepping away, as her last child in the school will be graduating this year.

Thanks everyone for your time and dedication to our school, have a great summer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm