

Baddeck Academy
Sac Minutes
Feb 26th 2025

Present: Suzanne Davis, Jennipher MacCormack, Tammy MacSween, Emma Nicholson, Bethany Martin, Susan Baird, Ron Muller, Nadine Palmizi, Lynn Myers. Via Phone: Sharon MacLean

Sent Regrets: Jennifer MacIntyre, Brian MacLeod

Meeting started at 6PM

****Mr. Muller did a Land Acknowledgement**

****SSP Goals - Mr. Muller went over the SSP Goals and shared that we have just finished our 2nd cycle and explained out Cycle 3 Goals:**

Well Being: Increase movement in the Classroom

Literacy: Individual Writing Goal (diff from last time)

Math: Problem of the week

****Regional School Supplies:** The province has asked the SAC's if they want to fundraise to provide the funds required to purchase school supplies for our students. We here at BA already give towards our students' school supplies.

Jennipher mentioned that in other schools the parents pay \$\$ to the school and then the school buys all the students' school supplies.

Lynn mentioned that even though they put forth the ask, very little detailed information was given on this.

Susan suggested that we should pause on this until we have more concrete information.

Sharon asked the question as to how great the need is in our school to which Ron replied that we have about 15% of our student population in need of assistance with school supplies.

****Swing Set:** We have received word that we have received the swing set for free, but now it needs to be installed. Lynn emailed Lewis to try to find out who has installed swing sets at other schools. We have money in the bank but we need to make sure we have the money to install the swings, so we have to watch how we spend our money. Installation is more complex than one would think so we wait to hear from Lewis with companies to inquire with the install

****Annual Survey:** Lynn mentioned that the EECD has sent out their annual survey. Lynn has completed this and the one area we do not do well in is making sure our SAC represents the diversity in our school.

****Prom and Grad:** Exams finish the last Thursday in June so the students asked if they could write two exams in one day to make sure they are finished in time to have the prom. This is

something that could be accommodated so we are looking at having the prom on Thursday June 26th and Grad on Friday June 27th. The inventory is booked on Saturday June 28th so we cannot hold any ceremonies there on the weekend.

****Games for High School:** High school needs games. We will see if we can track some down or buy some if needed.

****Innovation Grant:** We applied for this last year but didn't get any money. Ron phoned Suzanne Aucoin to get more information on it. The grant would give up to \$10 thousand dollars in grant money. Other schools were upset that only a small percentage of schools get the money and lots don't. We are not sure if it is going to be offered again this year so we will wait and see. We really have to think of something that we could use that will be sustainable and beneficial for the entire student body.

****Outdoor Play Magazine:** \$300 for four issues, so we will pass on it.

****Inappropriate T-Shirt slogans:** Teachers have a dress code policy but students don't. We need to be cognizant of body shaming and economics because not all can afford fancy clothing. We have a "respectful workplace" policy which we will be following to deal with inappropriate clothing. We don't want to embarrass and shame the kids but rather educate them..

****Adulting 101:** Some ideas are

- Cooking cheap/easy meals
- How to study
- Coding/computer science/scamming/dark web
- Taxes
- College/University applications
- How to leave a job/Interview skills
- Self defense
- Finances/budgeting/investments
- RCMP
- Mental Health
- Car maintenance
- How to use appliances
- Proper workout form
- Travelling while young
- Sewing

The students seemed to really enjoy this in the past so we will not tell them about it so they don't skip. Tentatively set for May 1st.

****Junior Achievers:** Coming to the school May 8th to do presentations about careers with the Grade 8-12 students with Angie. This is something different than what would be covered in Adulting 101.

****Changing name/naming something:** There are rules to follow when anything school related wants to have a name attached to it. Things have to be vetted through the office first and applications sent to CBVRCE.

****Turkey soup/Parfaits:** These were a huge hit with the students. Many thanks to the Parents group for doing this for the school.

****Next Meeting April 30th**

****Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm**