Breton Education Centre
SAC Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2022

Present: Lewis MacDonald, Colonel Donovan, Lowell Cormier, Vanessa Canova, Nancy Cameron, Marcy MacKinnon, Catie Chiasson, Preston Miller, Kevin Kearney, Aimee Romard

Regrets: Danielle Aucoin

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1. **Welcome:**
   Aimee Romard welcomed everyone back for the 2022-2023 school year.

2. **New School Update:**
   Lewis MacDonald, Director of Operational Services and Colonel Donovan, Coordinator of Programs P-12 and Assessment were here to provide the SAC with an update on the new school build.
   - Lewis stated that there were a few hiccups at the beginning of the build but that things are on track for a tentative September 2024 opening.
   - Lewis expects that the students will finish out the 2023-2024 school year in the old building and move into the new one in September 2024.
   - The Emergency Exit around the gym had to be changed in order to meet standards. It has also recently been changed in order to increase the capacity of the gym. Lewis is hopeful that once the changes are made by the contractor the school will be able to host more large scale events. Lewis also noted that the Fire Marshall has the final say on capacity.
   - Parking lot should be open within the next few weeks. This parking lot will be used by staff, students, and visitors to the school.
   - The small loop in the parking lot is open and students are now able to be dropped off there. Lewis stated the school can now send out a message to parents/guardians that the small loop should be used as the primary drop off.
   - Lights will be installed before winter in the parking lot.
   - Lewis reminded everyone that the only entrance to this parking lot is from the bottom half of Eighth Street.
   - Two more parking lots will open with the school; one will be for school staff and the other will be shared between school and hospital staff.

- The new address for the school will be on Victoria Street.
- Lewis walked those in attendance through the floor plan. There are 21 classrooms. This does not include the speciality classes like music and art.
- Reinforced steel has been placed above the cafeteria in order to build 2 additional classrooms should the need arise.
- Lewis asked the committee if they wanted the name of the school to change.
    - A motion to **keep the name Breton Education Centre for the new school** was made by **Lowell Cormier** and seconded by **Vanessa Canova.**

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3. **Election of Positions:**

   The election of Vice-Chair and Secretary was tabled until the next meeting due to fact that there weren't enough committee members in attendance for a quorum.

4. **SSP:**

   Nancy and Vanessa spoke on the SSP day. All 600 names of students were placed on paper. Staff were grouped and asked to identify which students they knew and those that didn't. Names of the students that were identified as not being known by the staff were then compiled. Staff were then asked to focus on building connections with these students. This is part of the well-being goal of SSP to build positive relationships with students. The main focus of having all students and staff voices, ideas, and needs heard.

   The literacy goal for SSP is to improve student responses to 'literal', 'non-literal', and 'analysis questions.

   The math goal for SSP is to improve mathematical literacy.

5. **Class Caps:**

   Grade 6.2 is over the class cap. Kevin also mentioned that the other grade 6 class is at the cap.

6. **Donation for Comfort Closet:**

   Catie and Preston stated that the Comfort Closet received a $1200 donation from PLC construction company. The Comfort Closet is being led by one of the Grade 12 students and a committee. They are now providing meals at lunch using a fridge and microwave

located in the room. Vanessa stated that she is spending a few hundred dollars a week on lunches. PLC will donate another $1200 in January. Vanessa noted that the needs are much greater this year than compared to previous years.

7. **Monthly Student Assemblies:**

   Grade 6-8 students are attending monthly assemblies to recognize those students that are doing great things both in and out of the classroom. October's assembly was on Inclusiveness and November's will be on Respect. Kevin stated that the students were very well behaved.

   Grade 6-8 students also had a Celtic Colors presentation that Kevin said was very well attended and the students were very well behaved.

   Marcy commented that it is wonderful that students are being recognized for things other than academics and athleticism.

   Marcy would like to see the Sports Awards be combined with these assemblies.

8. **School Events:**

   Grade 7 vaccinations are finished.

   Grade 6 Provincial Assessments were completed. Nancy said that things went very well.

   The African Dance presentation was also very well attended. Kevin noted once again that the Grade 6-8 students were very behaved.

9. **Program Updates:**

   Kevin stated that SchoolsPlus is still looking for some students for their Coping Skills Program. He said that staff would provide them with a list of possible candidates.

   The Cannabis Presentation that was scheduled for October was rescheduled for November. The presentation will be for Grade 7-12. Nancy suggested that because there are many Grade 6's using vapes they should be included as well.

10. **Report Cards:**

    Report Cards for the first reporting period will be sent electronically on November 28. Parent-Teacher will be held December 2.

    Marcy questioned why they weren't aligned with the high school schedule as opposed to the middle/elementary school schedule. She said if there is an issue, having

Parent-Teacher in December is quite late, especially for semestered courses as exams are in January.

11. Letter from Morrison Family

Aimee read a beautiful email from the family of the late Janet Morrison expressing their thanks for the honor guard at her funeral that was made up of past and current players and coaches of the BEC Bears.

12. Budget:

The current amount in the SAC Budget is $17, 762.60.

One of the math teachers requested that the SAC provide the funds for math programs developed by Kuta Software. The cost for a license for the school for one year is $2279.98.

- A motion to **purchase the software for the Math Department** was made by **Lowell Cormier** and seconded by **Kevin Kearney.**

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13. Updates:

Student Council:

Catie and Preston discussed the Halloween Spirit Week that was held at the school. It was a great turnout for all activities (social, zombie event, costume contest, etc.).
The Winter Ball is tentatively scheduled for December 10.
Student Council will also host a Christmas Spirit Week the last week of classes before the holiday break.

Other Updates:

Catie also mentioned that the Grade 12's still do not have their Chromebooks and that this is causing major issues for some students who do not have access to a device at home. Lewis stated that the issue was discussed at the Centre. He is looking into getting some discontinued Chromebooks out to the school as early as Thursday.

14. Next Meeting:

The next SAC meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30pm.