**MSMS School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 @ 6:00pm (Via Zoom Link)**

**Attendees:** David Leblanc, Mary Veinotte, Jody Waugh, Michelle O’Connor, Blair Frost, Heather Yaschuk, Alicia Menquini, Aaliyah Aubin, Darrell Jessome, Norma MacIntyre, Erin Cochrane,Devon Parsons, Josie Olsen, Emily Varnai

**Regrets:** Grace Campbell

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda (additions)

* Approved by: Darrell Jessome and second by Mary Veinotte

4. Approval of Minutes (November 28th, 2023)

* Approved by:

5. Student Success Plan Update

* Gathered data from the school. A lot of the data is from results from the spring. The math teachers get together to discuss and they look at all the students who are successful.
* Took a look at data from the student success survey. Students feel extremely safe the results found that they are more safe.
* The student survey also resulted in culture not showing through as much as it should be.

6. Old Business

* N/A

7. New Business

* Secretary: Aaliyah is secretary.
* SAC conference: Really positive, everyone was involved, people were really involved in student success. Biggest note was the difference between a health breakdown as opposed to a health crisis.
* The student success surveys helped a lot of SACs understanding of what is going on. It was very helpful to have this data to look back at. Going forward, the focus is to empower SACs to speak on behalf of the community in student success. We need to realize that the government is relying on us.
* We are fighting for art which should be supplied. It comes down to students feeling and or being safe and happy
* All the data falls into place when students feel happy and safe.
* Grants were not applied for 2023.
* Grade 8 trip maybe just Quebec City or just inside Nova Scotia. Research more about a 3-4 day overnight trip: Students seem very interested. Some form of a Grade 8 trip. Give the parents options between certain trips so there’s more variety. Students at the Grade 8 trip last year were very well behaved.
* Cell phone policy: This is working out very well and only a few people have been caught. No traffic in bathrooms related to self phones, no meet ups. Some students recognize the importance of the cell phone policy and are getting used to it.

8. Special Reports/Presentations

* Aaliyah: Maintenance Club every few days to a week wiping or blowing up deflated balls etc…Adds responsibility to the grades. Students can also add awareness to show others.
* Aaliyah: Ending times are now an hour and a half unless there is an urgent subject that needs to be addressed.
* Emily: asked to add chalk to outside equipment. Added onto the point about cleaning supplies and how we don't have much to clean up with.
* Alicia: Messy cafeteria from previous grades to the point that students have to clean off tables just for a spot. Wasps are bothering students who wait outside before school.
* David Leblanc: School has been off to a great start. Lower numbers of students, lunches going really well. Switched lunches around used to be 6,7,8 now 7,6,8.Things are going well for Mi’Kmaq heritage. Threat and risk: A big focus safety is number one focus. Last Friday PD day majority of staff went to a church to speak to the community a student  spoke about issues at schools as Hammonds Plains Community. Kim’s Acorns are up on the wall for highlighting super students. Terry Fox run raised over 4,000 dollars this year. Breakfast Program is going good students are taking advantage. Cross Country boys won 1st place in regionals and girls placed 4th.The 7th grade immunizations are on Thursday.

9. School Budget

* SAC think about any thoughts about how to use the school budget.
* Emily: Fundraisers that can be fun and raise money at the same time such as freezies, Cupcakes, Cookies, Merch, ticket raffles etc…
* Darrell: Put in money for equipment such as volleyballs, basketballs etc…
* Mary: Survey that is supplied to students asking what equipment they want to get more of.
* Darrell: Motion to 500$ for equipment just for outside - Mary seconded. Voted and agreed upon.
* Jody: School cash online, even a five dollar donation for trips just adds 5$ each time.

10. Any Other Business

* Nope

11. Next meeting:

* Tuesday, November 19th, 2024
* Move to adjourn Aaliyah–moved to adjourn Emily second it.