

SAC Meeting Minutes -Tuesday November 17, 2020

Present: Dave Leblanc Principal
Norma MacIntyre, Vice Principal
Dean Lee, Vice Principal
Vanessa Turner, Teacher (staff member)
Tim Lurette, Teacher (staff member)
Ken Murray, Teacher (staff member)
Michelle O'Connor – (staff member)
Dana Mills, Chair and community member
Angela Thornhill, parent
Afolake Awoyiga- parent
Jennifer Kelly, community member
Lauren Pembleton -student

Regrets: Catherine Khaperska, Aydan Anderson, Patrick McCarthy, Kim Caven, Afolake Awoyiga joined later

Minutes taken by: Norma MacIntyre

Meeting called to order at 6:33p.m.

Add on to agenda – How teachers are doing? Dave will include this in the administration report.

Agenda approved by Vanessa Turner and seconded by Ken Murray

Minutes Approved from October 2020 approved by Jennifer Kelly and seconded by Tim Lurette

Old Business:

- Dana and Dave will look at the community survey later in the week.
- Dana will continue to circulate HRCE memos to members of the committee who do not receive them directly from HRCE.

Administration Report: Dave Leblanc

SAC Administrator's Report –November 17, 2020

➤ The year continues to go well. We have not faced as many operational concerns as we did at the beginning of the year and our new schedule is running smoothly.

- Masks!! A struggle for many but a great opportunity for students to show their personal style/colours. We have had to remind students and families of the importance of students wearing their masks on the bus and at school.
- New admin assistant started with us this week. Trudy Brow has joined the staff from Rockingham Elementary.
- Classroom on the stage has moved to the multi-purpose room next to the gym.
- Immunizations went very well this year. Only a couple of students had trouble.
- Picture days have been completed. Proofs have gone home.

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- We have our literacy coach at the school working with a number of teachers supporting instructional practice.
- Remembrance Day - This past week, our school recognized Remembrance Day with the production of a Covid friendly, virtual observance. A special thanks is extended to Mona MacNeil and her team of students, who negotiated a few technology bumps to put together a wonderful Remembrance Day observance. Please enjoy our MSMS virtual Remembrance Day Observance from the following YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/u6E9xiPgy4s>

We extend a special thank you to Terry Bigelow (retired), Roger Laforce (retired) and Jason Lawton (currently serving) for being a part of our Observance.

- Weekly Memo
- Recognition of students of the month
- Breakfast Program is going well and many students are taking advantage of this
- Student Activities
 - Art Club – On hold for now
 - Space Club – Virtual – Mr. Hare is running a virtual space club with students taking part in a variety of activities and having invited guests zoom in for meetings.

Important Dates

November 20 - Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes)

December 3 - Parent-Teacher interviews - No classes for students (school-based PD in morning.) (More details to follow)

Student Report

- Lauren reported that students found it challenging working from home during covid and are happy to be back at school. Students are finding it challenging wearing the masks all the time but understand its value and importance.
- Students are missing the social aspects of a regular school day.
- Students are finding it challenging staying in one classroom for the majority of the day.
- Grade 9 band is looking into playing Christmas music in the hallways leading up to the Christmas break.

Other Business

- Jennifer Kelly asked if there was anything to do to help relieve some of the pressure or stresses on staff. The response was to help spread the word on how important it is for students to wear their masks and to follow the Covi-19 protocols at school.
- Teachers expressed the fatigue they are experiencing due to the extra demands placed on them due to Covid-19 It is a big job teaching and trying to enforce the Covid-19 protocols keeping everyone safe.
- The vacancy for a grade 7 student has been filled by Aydan Anderson.

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- Afolake asked if there was anything to report on what is happening with the schools that have reported Covid-19 cases. Dave responded that he only knows what the media shares. We rely on the government and the Department of Health to take the lead and to inform us on next steps.
- Afolake asked what the protocol was at MSMS if students travel from outside the Atlantic bubble. Dave responded that we follow the government protocols and students would have to self-isolate for the 14 days prior to starting school or returning to school.

School Budget

- SAC funds from 2019/20 have been spent on technology.
- Dave is going to ask for feedback from students and staff on how SAC funds could be spent.
- Dana would be wondering if some of the funds could be put towards teachers wellness in some way. Dana is going to put together a letter on behalf of the SAC reflecting all the hard work put in by staff this year, recognizing the extra strain on everyone.

Next Meeting Date- Tuesday January 19, 2021 at 6:30pm

Dana will send out a Zoom link

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.