



SAC Meeting Minutes April 15, 2024

In attendance: Cari Duggan-MacNeil, Keri Butler, Marilyn MacGibbon, Kurt Jerrett, Sherisse O'Leary, Shauna Ferrar, Debra Walsh-Poirier, Neil Burbridge, Rhonda Durnford, Summer Hartlin

1. Review of Agenda
2. Approval to post Previous SAC Meeting Summary
3. Principal's Report & Student Success Plan Update (SSP)- [Marilyn MacGibbon]

Athletics Report

Field hockey and Lacrosse are in full swing. These two sports are what we call Metro Sports, ran by coordinators each year. SSNS codes of conduct all apply as usual, and this year the metro Lacrosse tournament has required all of the coaches to have the same requirements that Lacrosse Nova Scotia requires of their coaches.

Girl's rugby season is just beginning. School rugby coaches attend safety clinics, and spend a lot of time from February to April educating rugby athletes on proper tackling technique, and safety protocols that will be expected during games.

There are discussions taking place with some rugby coaches in the community to potentially offer boy's rugby in the spring of 2025.

Track and field and softball are in the early stages of organization, currently holding meetings to gauge the number of individuals that will be at tryouts.

We know as educators how important it is for school culture to have teachers involved in coaching these sports, however in recent years it has become very difficult to find the money for substitute teachers, the substitute teachers period, and/or the coverage for these teachers to attend their events based on the rest of the teaching staff scheduled 7/8. These programs serve a wide demographic of student, with Spryfield Minor

Softball having deep roots in our community, and track and field would likely see upwards of 50-75 students attending the events on the two metro meet days.

It is imperative that we continue to find funds and resources to allow these coaches to accompany their teams to these events. HRCE supervision ratios require one adult per 15 students to attend these events during the school day. At track and field in particular the coaches at each school actually officiate the events, so the meets require the coaches to be overseeing an event, while a number of other coaches supervise our team, and direct the student-athletes to their specific events.

Funding and resource availability is key to continue to provide these sporting opportunities to our students.

Job Fair

We had a job fair organized by our Job Junction liaison Alisha Dasti Hill and our CBL teacher Katie Winters. We had almost 20 organizations. Many students secured jobs. We also had a service Canada booth set up for SIN numbers as well.

Musical

April 4,5,6 we presented Mean Girls. Students displayed their talent and had a great time.

SOS Meals

SOS meals started last week. The food is brought in and then we plate it and serve it. We fed almost 200 and had leftovers. Next time we will have to-go containers for our fridge.

Iftar

We had an iftar dinner for our students and community. Teachers served approximately 60 students and their families. We had the food catered by Tarek's.

SSP

Mr. MacNamara attended a meeting at HRCE where we showcased our Culturally Relevant Pedagogical practices. Our data is showing that our students are improving in Math 10.

Assessment

A group of teachers took a day away from their classes to meet regarding our assessment practices and Power School Gradebook. Teachers met with Jen Lilly our SIS contact at HRCE who shared some wonderful ideas and was able to help the teachers with their current practices and brainstorm ways for the entire staff to have consistency in their gradebooks.

Literacy

We have a literacy coach in the building for 6 weeks working with 3 of our grade 9 teachers.

Enrollment

At this time enrollment is 1108 for next year and growing.

4. Student Council Update:

Summer Hartlin and Mr. Burbridge provided the update. Easter Egg Hunt was super fun and students were engaged in activity. Wellness Week coming up. Spring Fling Dance is scheduled for May 2nd. Judges of the Month Program is now in place in foyer of school. Monthly recognition and google form nomination with McDonalds supporting prizes for this program.

5. Business Items with outstanding action:

- a. SAC Schedule: June 10
- b. Scoreboard Installation has been priced at over 5K. Next step is to get an alternate quote from Taycar Electrical who may be able to provide lift for install as part of contract. Debra to provide the referral for this quote to be followed up.
- c. Field Update from Patti Cuttell- on outdoor seating we received correspondence that Ray Walsh Director of Parks and Recreation for HRM has confirmed HRM has now taken over the field and benches and or bleachers will be installed in Spring. Follow up in May for updates.
- d. Grad Photo Project – graduating students in new building will be posted in cafeteria. New composites being made once Administration pictures taken. Grad photos previously posted in old building cafeteria project still being worked on. Library Technician Coop from NSCC will dedicate 2-3 days to upload

- the digitized old building Grad photos to be displayed on TV (already purchased) in Building. Check in May for progress.
- e. Other building related items- Microwave Range Hood arrived and just scheduling installation, Freezer provided so this item is closed, Chem Lab work order also placed- check in May for updates.
 - f. SAC Funding discussion on purchasing Chromebooks with SAC funds. Tablet for gym is needed also. Will confirm funding at next meeting once other Tech grants are checked.
 - g. Proposal for new Innovation Fund was completed and submitted for consideration.
 - h. SAC Funding Proposal discussed and 200 chrome books were received as a refresh. However, greatest need is still with additional chromebooks for students and chromebook cart. Ms. MacGibbon to price and present for approval at May meeting.
 - i. Grad planning is underway. There is a plan to have a Draw for front row seats at graduation as a fundraiser.
6. J.L. IIsley Fundraising Committee Update- [Cari Duggan-MacNeil]
- a. JL volunteer database. Email set up jlilsleyvolunteers@gmail.com. Next step to determine onboarding areas of need.
 - b. J.L. IIsley 50/50 Fundraiser underway. Continue to have SAC members push 50/50. Had record sales in March will continue with Printables to promote in school and community moving forward in April. Neil to have Leadership 12 promote moving forward. Cari to apply for renewal early and run through summer to ensure momentum is maintained.
7. Next Meeting- June 10th at 6pm at JL IIsley High School
8. Adjourned at 7:20pm