



## **SAC Meeting Minutes October 7th, 2024**

**In attendance:** Cari Duggan-MacNeil, Kurt Jerrett, Neil Burbridge, Yuvraj Kapoor, Debra Walsh-Poirier, Ben Clost, Marilyn MacGibbon, Sherisse O'Leary

- 1. Review of Agenda**
- 2. Approval to post Previous SAC Meeting Summary**
- 3. Principal's Report**

**Opening Day:** For our first day of school, we had 4 different stations: gym where we had grade level assemblies, field activities, classroom sessions: student fees, lockers, attendance, and student schedules, cafeteria – guidance and athletics. In the gym we discussed school safety and what that means at JL Iisley.

**Equity presentation:** This past Friday our Equity Team teachers did a 30-minute session with each grade 9 class to explain the importance of our equity team and how all our students and staff should feel safe. They discussed that in order to learn appropriately, everyone needs to feel safe in their space both emotionally and culturally. They also discussed attacks on identity, so students are aware of what is expected of them and the school consequences.

### **Curriculum Night and Parent Meetings**

We held curriculum night followed by grade 12 parent meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We also had a grad breakfast last Wednesday where our grads heard similar details to their parents.

### **Athletics**

**Football-**Has been up and running since August 12th. Have had a successful start to the season. Injuries appear to be down, hopefully based on the schedule playing teams of similar size and caliber.

Coach-Calvin Clarke

Teacher Liaison-Chris Walker

**Girl's soccer-**The coaching staff decided to play in the B league this year. They believe it was a better opportunity for the girls to feel successful.

Coach-Nina Hamacher

Teacher Liaison-Tonya Brennan

**Boy's soccer**-After winning the Metro B league last year, the boys are back playing in the Div 1 league. The team had a great start, and coaches Jake Jeannot and Ben Clarke are poised to build off the success from last year.

**Boy's Volleyball**- Strong start to the season. New coaches Kinnon Kendziora and Amelia Jardine are excited to build the interest in boy's volleyball. Numbers at tryouts have increased in recent years.

Coach-Kinnon Kendziora and Amelia Jardine  
Teacher liaison-Jake Jeannot

**Girl's Volleyball**-Large numbers of girl's, always interested in volleyball due to the large number of girls involved in the club system in our area.

Coach-Kevin Prime  
Teacher Liaison-Amanda Campbell

**Girl's JV volleyball**-With the numbers we have at Div 1 tryouts we always have a large group of girls interested in a JV team. Our JV team is always very competitive, almost as if we could have two teams in the Div 1 league, however that is not possible. Former JL player Kaitlyn Bowdridge took over the team this year and is doing a great job.

Coach-Kaitlyn Bowdridge  
Teacher Liaison-Juli Gillard

**Golf**-We had 30 students express interest in golf this year. Interest seems to be growing among the student body. We hope that the interest will grow to the point that we will be able to send a full boys team and girls team in the upcoming seasons.

Coach-Jake Jeannot  
Teacher Liaison-Dave Algee

**Baseball**-Season was completed in the 3rd week of September. We played three games, and did not move on to the tournament cross-overs.

Coach-Chuck Langille  
Teacher Liaison-Brandon MacKay

**Cross-Country**-Very strong showing at the Metro Runs so far. The intermediate boys were successful in claiming the metro banner for their combined efforts over the 3 metro runs.

Coach-Tonya Brennan  
Teacher Liaison-Ben Clarke

**Boy's Hockey**-Competition date is Oct. 15. Tryouts will began Oct. 1. Spryfield arena does not have ice available until then. Although it would be nice to begin earlier, it is also helpful for the sustainability of our other fall programs to vary the tryout dates so that soccer, volleyball, baseball, golf, and hockey are not all taking place in the same week. Hockey seems to be the easiest sport to delay a week, considering all other fall sports are finished in Nov, and hockey runs until March.

Coach-Dave Algee

Teacher Liaison-Neil Burbridge

**Girl's Hockey-** See above. Same situation.

Coach-Chris Longaphy

Teacher Liaison-Katie Winters

Teacher Liaison-Nicole Chisholm

Boys and girl's basketball can begin Tryouts on October 15.

**Staffing:**

EAL Jennifer Crouse

Chemistry: Alejandro Cohen

Emily Felix: Grade 9 English

Sarah Penney: Math

Ben Clarke: Phys Ed.

**Class Caps:**

When we sent our numbers in in May our grade 9 classrooms were under 30. At that point we had 8 classes of English and 2 classes of French. We now have many classes over cap.

**SSP**

Staff started off the school year with spending time getting to know their students. We feel this time is valuable as a student who builds a relationship with their teacher is usually more successful and feels safer in the building. On Friday our PD will be centered around our SSP goals of literacy and numeracy.

**Cell Phone Policy**

We have started off the year strong with our new cell phone policy. Students seem responsive. We are hearing lots of positive feedback.

**Breakfast Program**

Our breakfast program was up and running on the first day of school. We have a rotating 2 week menu which includes, bagels and cream cheese, apple sauce and cheese strings, croissants, breakfast burritos. Every Thursday we receive a free lunch for students from family sos. Tish will be making an indigenous meal for the whole school on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**New Website**

Our new school website has launched along with 100 other schools.

**Healthy Relationships in Youth Program:**

This year we are pleased to be offering our HRY program. It has been operating in the Strait Area in conjunction with the Antigonish sexual assault centre for 20 years. With the recent findings of the Mass Casualty Commission, funding has been provided

through the federal government to offer this program. Our grade 12 leadership students and other school leaders in grades 11 and 12 have been trained to present various modules to our grade 9 healthy living classes. Some of the modules include:

- **Session 1: Healthy Relationships for Youth**
- **Session 2: Values and Decision Making**
- **Session 3: Personal and Interpersonal Relationships**
- **Session 4: Consent and Personal Boundaries**
- **Session 5: Communication and Conflict Resolution**
- **Session 6: Diversity, Inclusion, and Privilege**
- **Session 7: Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation**
- **Session 8: Gender Norms and Stereotypes**
- **Session 9: Social Media and Relationships**
- **Session 10: Drugs, Alcohol and Decisions**
- **Session 11: Power and Violence**
- **Session 12: Where we are Now**

#### **4. Student Council Update:**

Spirit Week is planned with Halloween Dance planned and planning for an Indoor Movie Night. Many students signing up and interested in Student Council participation this year. October 10<sup>th</sup> Clubs Expo – students to attend to learn more about good interest. Mascot competition is planned for February at Auburn High. Auditions coming up for this. JL has started a new Robotics Club this year, Announcements team also in place. Coffee House is also planned for a busy fall term full of activities.

#### **5. Business Items with outstanding action:**

- a. SAC Schedule: First Monday night of every month except April there will be no scheduled meeting.
- b. Scoreboard Installation has been organized and is going to be arranged in Fall. More details to follow re: console purchase and installation being completed.

- c. Field Update from Patti Cuttell- Outdoor bleachers have now been installed at the JLI Field. Project completed.
- d. Grad Photo Project – graduating students in new building will be posted in cafeteria. New composites being made once Administration pictures taken. Installation TBD. Grad photos previously posted in old building cafeteria project still being worked on. There are 2 parts- there will be Shadow Boxes with all previous JL Grad Lists installed in Cafeteria- currently getting quotes. Library Technician Coop from NSCC will dedicate 5 days to upload the digitized old building Grad photos to be displayed on TV (already purchased) in Building which HRCE can install. SCHEDULED FOR FEB 2025
- e. Other building related items- Chem Lab distillation apparatus final item outstanding. Proper installation is still be worked.
- f. SAC FUNDING for 2025- 1110 students enrolled so budget will be  $\$5000 + 1110 = \$6110$  for this school year.
- g. SAC INNOVATION GRANT- underway for 2024-25
- h. Europe Trip 2025 Planning, Fundraisers and Registration well underway for Spring 2025

**6. J.L. IIsley Fundraising Committee Update- [Cari Duggan-MacNeil]**

- a. **J.L. IIsley 50/50 Fundraiser**
  - i. Lottery license renewed for year
  - ii. Neil to have Leadership 12 promote in Fall and Spring moving forward
  - iii. Banner to be put up in Gym
- b. J.L. Volunteer Opportunities- SAC to promote when resources are needed.

7. Next Meeting- Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at JL IIsley High School

8. Adjourned at 7:20pm