



SAC Meeting Minutes November 4th, 2024

In attendance: Cari Duggan-MacNeil, Shauna Ferrar, Keri Butler, Tara Sampson, Dianne Dibblee, Yuvraj Kapoor, Rhonda Durnford, Marilyn MacGibbon, Sherisse O'Leary

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

Athletics

Football, baseball, soccer and cross-country seasons have concluded, with the boy's soccer team and the intermediate cross-country team having particularly successful seasons.

Volleyball seasons are coming to a close, with playoffs for girl's volleyball, girl's JV volleyball, and boy's volleyball starting this week. The girl's Div 1 team won the tier 2 portion of the Parkview Education Centre tournament in Bridgewater this past weekend.

Basketball is up and running for both the boy's and girl's programs, and indications are that we will have strong teams this year. With the number of boys trying out for the boy's basketball team in recent years, we may be close to offering a boy's JV program next year.

The boy's and girl's hockey programs have started off the season very strong, with the boy's beginning the season with a 4-0 record in league play.

SSP: Teachers have started the school year with setting short cycle goals. We spent our first PD day looking at the short cycle process. We presently have a math coach in assisting our math immersion 9, math 9 and math 10 teachers. Our other departments are all focusing on a short cycle goal of accessing non-fiction texts.

Kitchen Brigades

We're excited to introduce our Kitchen Brigades program, which empowers youth aged 12 to 17 through culinary education. In today's world of rising food insecurity, it's crucial to equip our young generation with skills to nourish themselves. We received funding of \$2500 through Schools Plus from Community Services.

The program includes 24 after-school culinary workshops that teach cooking

techniques, promote healthy eating, and foster teamwork. It aims to ignite a passion for cooking and empower students to make informed food choices.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

- Ms. Hart's Health and Human Services classes have been building and will be delivering the presentation on Friday. Ms. Mignault's band students are also involved. Students will report to class after lunch on Nov 8th
- Selected classes will be called to the gym around 12:55-1pm
- YouTube link for livestream will be available for classes that remain in their rooms

Ms. Mignault's band students will also take part in the ceremony on Remembrance Day at the Spryfield Legion. They will be playing with the band Second Chances and will have a total of 30 members present.

Academic Awards

Were held on October 25th where almost 300 students received awards. It was held in the cafeteria during first period where students received certificates and Principal's List recipients received a certificate and a JL pin.

Food

We continue to provide a hot lunch with support from Family SOS on Thursdays. Tish has also been cooking and has provided lunch on another 2 days per week. We continue to offer breakfast items every morning as well.

Midterm Report Cards will be sent home the week of the 18th and Parent Teacher Interviews will be on December 5th.

4. Student Council Update:

Last week a Halloween Dance was held and was very well attended. More students attended than expected. Spirit Week was also a success with Disney Day, PJ Day, Costume Day etc. The Student Council is selecting a Grade 9 Rep this week. Prom Committee Bingo will be held on Thurs night in JL cafeteria. There will be another Spirit Day held in November. Hot Chocolate Day also planned.

5. Business Items with outstanding action:

- a. SAC Schedule: First Monday night of every month except April there will be no scheduled meeting. Confirmed with Administration and will be included on our JL calendar.
December 2nd, January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd, May 5th and June 9th.

- 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 after there were approvals required to clear the contractor for install to be completed. Further details to follow once information received from HRCE.
- c. Grad Photo Project – graduating students in new building will be posted in cafeteria. New composites being made once Administration pictures taken which was completed in October. 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. SCHEDULED FOR FEB 2025
- d. Other building related items- Chem Lab distillation apparatus final item outstanding. Information from other high school (Citadel) confirmed this apparatus is not actively set up in this high school and is not required for curriculum so item can be closed until such time that it may be required.
- e. SAC FUNDING for 2025- 1110 students enrolled so budget will be $\$5000 + 1110 = \6110 for this school year. Currently collecting proposals from staff and administration will determine best use of funding in 2025.
- f. SAC INNOVATION GRANT- underway for 2024-25- updates to be provided.
- g. Europe Trip 2025 Planning, Fundraisers and Registration well underway for Spring 2025
- h. HRCE announcement on new schools for HRM was reviewed with the SAC- completed.
- i. 2024-25 J.L. Ilsley SAC voted on configuration change discussed in October meeting: Principal (non-voting), 4 Administration/Teachers/Staff, 3 Students, 4 Parents, 3

Community Members. To be updated in SAC documentation on JL site to reflect.

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

a. J.L. Ilsley 50/50 Fundraiser

- i. New lottery license to be requested for January to replace current. Move to 2 main draws per year in Fall and Spring each year to focus marketing efforts and market a higher 50/50 take to attract new supporters. This will be aligned with Leadership 12 class efforts in 1st and 2nd semester each year.
- ii. Neil to have Leadership 12 promote in Fall and Spring moving forward- move to December meeting to confirm with Mr. Burbridge under new format
- iii. Banner to be put up in Gym – Dec update

- b. J.L. Volunteer Opportunities- SAC to promote when resources are needed- no resources required at this time.

7. Next Meeting- Dec 2nd at 6pm at JL Ilsley High School

8. Adjourned at 6:50pm