



SAC Meeting Minutes January 24, 2022

Attendance: Keri Butler, Don Reardon, Steve Coats, Nick Pearce, Cari Duggan-MacNeil, Dana Holmes, Amanda Campbell

Regrets: Rhonda Johnson, Robin Jensen, Natasha Jessome, Student Council - Molly Anderson, Alex Godsoe, Leva Living (due to exam week)

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the Agenda
-Approved by Consensus
3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes
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4. Principal's Report
 - (i) Skilled Trades - Lighting needs to be raised in skilled trades. More programming is available now. Waiting on a portable car lift, LAN drops and Tire balancer.
 - (ii) Media centre - Sound and video one rack completed.
 - (iii) Stage - spotlight not completed, floor painting training needed.
 - (iv) Washrooms - level of concern not high for gathering issues. Cleaning staff on top of cleaning. Exploring possibilities of individual washrooms.
 - (v) Videographer - in and completed tour. Keri Butler gave tour of school, talked to staff, possible reshoots or voice-overs still required. Intention is to make video accessible online, goal to provide tour to people who can't access building at this time.
5. Student Success Plan Update
 - (i) Focus on grade 9 and 10 math. Focus support students not achieving a 65. Lot of improvement with math coach in place. Openness on staff to learn Knowledge Hook, still early stages of being explored by teachers. Very detailed opportunity to discover resources for hands on learning opportunities, math specialists are keen on it.
 - (ii) Well-being goal – couple teachers taking leadership role on this initiative. Can be used to support well-being for students and staff. Hope to move forward on this once able to do more in building re: cohorts and gathering.

6. Student Council's Report

Shannon Mazerall taking over for second semester as advisor. Meeting with executive upcoming. Food drive was a success before Christmas.

7. Outstanding Business Items

Covid-19 Response- Update

Extra masks have come in. Students better with mask use, less waste/ issues. Significant number of rapid tests on hand. Fully accessible to students who need them. Good supply now and option to get more in future. Staff had tests distributed to them today. Staff have been impacted by the challenge of Covid, lots of managing and covering, it has been difficult but staff are handling it best they can. Absentee rate up near the end of last week. Will be higher due to exam medical exemptions. Exams are 10% at JL so will help navigate exam absenteeism.

8. Discussion on Sports, when will sports return?

It is a complex situation to navigate. Outside coaches are not permitted in building given gathering rules. Competing with exam schedule/ needs as well. There is an intent to get back to practice in near term and games as soon as permitted. School to school approach may be problematic, should be system wide approach?. Mental health considerations of students should be considered though –Hope that Feb. 1 will allow sports to resume in NS.

9. New Business Items

SAC Funding

(Amount: \$5000 plus \$1 per student). 3 spending categories. Administration to reach out to teachers for proposals. Full year to spend. Steve Coats suggests bringing wish list to next SAC meeting for decision making. Some teachers have projects in mind. Could be technology requests, etc. What is missing? What does school need? Stuff still coming in so not entirely sure what needs are. Cari requested for background on previous SAC spending history to ensure all expected funding is met.

Old building is being dismantled in January/ February. New field will be behind building all the way to Sylvia Avenue, basketball courts closer to bus circle. Field is an HRM project. HRM manages the field and makes choices, provincial government also has input. Field is planned as grass, not turf. Student parking was given up to get football size field. 20 parking spots was given up. Don will gather information so we can determine how SAC should inquire on field plan. Cari wants to gather information for this purpose.

Principal role – update and transition plan

Applications closed- incumbent to be known soon. Feb 1 is start date for new Principal. Don staying on for transition – at least a week or more (Feb 8-15). Post will be a permanent position.

10. Next Meeting February 28th, 2022 6pm (by Zoom unless restrictions change)

11. Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:10pm