



## SAC Meeting Minutes September 25th, 2023

Attendance: Cari Duggan-MacNeil, Keri Butler, Marilyn MacGibbon, Debra Poirier, Amanda Campbell, Neil Burbridge, Diana Dibblee, Kurt Jerrett, Shauna Ferrar, Rhonda Johnson, Tara Sampson.

1. Approval to post Previous SAC Meeting Summary- June - completed
2. Principal's Report & Student Success Plan Update (SSP)- [Marilyn MacGibbon]  
New Vice Principal- Kurt Jerrett  
Enrollment is 1024

**SSP:** Teachers have started the school year with setting short cycle goals. Most departments chose getting to know their students and will revisit this goal in mid-October. They also took part in Assessment PD on one of our first days. We also had staff come in from the IWK, YMCA and ISANS to better acquaint staff with our newcomer population. Our math 10 is once again a priority this year. We now have 6 sections and the goal is for all students to achieve a 65 or higher.

### **First Day of School for Students:**

Students arrived and we had an assembly for grades 9 and 12 while students in 10 and 11 went to classrooms for various activities. Mr. Burbridge went over how things operate at JL while introducing all of our staff members. We have stickers in the front windows about respecting the space and those in it. We also have stickers on the washrooms to encourage students to keep them clean. We also had a student BBQ.

Youth Health Centre Coordinator- Gina Makridis

High Skills Major in Technology- Students will be required to take one CMT 11 or Computer Programming course, a coop course in a tech environment and then at least two other tech courses. They are also required to complete opportunities in community-based learning and 4 training credentials like WHMIS or Working with Abilities -NS Human Rights Commission along with 2 additional technology based ones. They are also required to build a digital portfolio.

### **Minister's First voice pilot program**

### **Grad Breakfast:**

We had a grad breakfast last week where students were able to learn about scholarship opportunities and post secondary applications. We had a similar meeting in the evening

for parents. We were hoping to have all of the grad t-shirts ready for the breakfast, but we didn't. They will be passed out this week.

**Orange Shirt Day will be Friday.**

**RBC Breakfast to be held** - We haven't received our breakfast funding yet.

We have 2 new EAL teachers who are trying to meet the needs of all of our students. We have over 200 newcomers. They are working every second day with our grade 9 students. We are also offering an EAL class for the first time in a few years.

## **Sports**

Football-Has been up and running since August 15th.

Coach-Calvin Clarke

Teacher Liaison-Chris Walker

Girl's Div 1 soccer-Strong start to the season this year, showing improvement from past years.

Coach-Nina Hamacher

Teacher Liaison-Katie Winters

Boy's soccer-The boy's are playing in the Metro B league this year, based on the number of games we forfeited last year. The team had a great start, and coaches Matt Drage and Jake Jeannot are poised to right the ship, so we can identify the potential that we know our boy's soccer program has.

Coaches Matt Drage and Jake Jeannot

Boy's Volleyball- Strong start to the season. Coach Kelly Lunn is back for another year, and interested in building the interest in boy's volleyball.

Coach-Kelly Lunn

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-Matt Drage

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.

Coach-Jason Bright

Teacher Liaison-Juli Gillard

Golf-We had more students express interest in golf this year, and thus were able to send a full golf team for the first time since 2011. 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 is underway, with a couple tough losses so far, but we had strong numbers at tryouts.

Coach-Chuck Langille

Teacher Liaison-Brandon MacKay

Cross-Country-Very strong showing in the first Metro Run, with 6 of our intermediate girl's runners finishing in the top 20 of their race.

Coach-Tonya Brennan

Boy's Hockey-Competition date is Oct. 16. Tryouts will begin Oct. 3rd. Spryfield area does not have ice available yet. It would have been nice to begin this week, as ice has previously been in this week in past years, however we cannot control the ice availability. In the past we have viewed it as an equity issue to move tryouts to a rink out of our community, because we do not believe everyone would have the means to get to the forum or civic. 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-Sean Bisson

Teacher Liaison-Katie Winters

Teacher Liaison-Nicole Chisholm

Boys and girl's basketball can begin Tryouts on Monday, Oct. 16.

3. Student Council's Report (Neil Burbridge)
  - a. Student Led BBQ held on first day of school. Spirit Week included Student Teacher Dodgeball game, Planning Dance for Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, Trick or Eat Planned for Halloween, Goal of fundraisers will be to raise additional funds for programming and fund additional guest speakers. Co-Presidents this year are Summer Hartlin and Meaghan Williams.
4. SAC BUSINESS ITEMS [All Members]
  - a. Scoreboard funding and installation- Administration to meet with McDonald's in October to further lead on funding. Determine level of funding offered and determine if other businesses may be able to supplement to move project forward.

- b. Field Update (including outdoor seating)- Field is now in but seating is not installed so escalation to Patti Cuttell is required. Cari to follow up.
  - c. Grad Photo Project – TV / Plaque mounted grad photos in Cafeteria (tradition from old site)- project was set out as objective during new school build so follow up and have all look into options – TV installation next steps and options for plaque mounting for school- Cari to look into some ideas for possibilities
  - d. Grad T-shirts Update- will be provided to graduating class during Fall
  - e. New SAC site online- minutes updated and schedule has been provided for all parents/staff to reference
  - f. Other building ongoing projects- Chemistry Lab completion and Freezer (damaged) to be replaced for use for the food program- Administration to follow up for action on both items
  - g. Tentative SAC schedule Communicated: **Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 27, Jan 15, Feb 26, April 15, May 13, June 10**
5. J.L. Ilsley Fundraising Committee Update-
- a. Fall Craft Fair Nov 25<sup>th</sup> organized by Rhonda Johnson- Rhonda to send Cari copy of the ad and sign up vendors. Student Council to attend to sell items for school fundraisers.
  - b. Update on J.L. Ilsley 50/50 Fundraiser – 50/50 is being modified and updated for 2023-24 through Alcohol and Gaming currently. Next steps: Launch new 50/50 and use JL services to create banner and advertising. JL Leadership 12 class will also assist with community advertising of 50/50. QR code posters to be used as well.
  - c. Update on J.L. Online Store Fundraiser- new school based ordering now available. Determine how to integrate embroidery ordering needs with the new store. Cari to gather quotes.
  - d. Pizza fundraiser organized with Uncle Buck's to support J.L. Ilsley School Trip to Greece. Sales until November 1<sup>st</sup> and pick up of pizza kits at school on November 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. Men's Hockey Team Sponsor now in place – James McKeown (Premiere Mortgage Centre) Premiere Mortgage will be providing a banner/ advertising material.
6. Next Meeting- October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm J.L. Ilsley High School
7. Adjourned meeting 7:05pm