

SAC Meeting Minutes, November 15th, 2016

Present: Lois L., Jason M., Phil S, Lisa D., Lori C., Cathy S, Amanda S., Jennifer B., Simon B, Catherine G. & Sharon H.

1.0-The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

2.0- Strait To Excellence was added to the agenda under new business.

3.0 -The minutes to the September meeting were approved by Lisa and seconded by Cathy. The minutes of the October meeting were approved by Lisa and seconded by Phil.

4.1- Provincial Assessment Data was distributed to all in attendance. Discussion around the new template, literacy and math goals and how the performance is measured: Did we do what we said we accomplished?

The principals received direction from the superintendant of the SRSB; to continue doing what you said you would do. This is in light of the recent announcement made by the minister of Education stating that there will no longer be any provincial assessments.

The results from the Data sources for Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment Goals were identified. Many students within RECA identified that they were treated unfairly, some felt there was discrimination in their school, some felt they had at least one adult in their life that they could go to and many students felt that hunger was an issue .These results are alarming and the school would like to promote student leadership around these issues. For a more detailed account of the results, please refer to the School Student Success plan document.

5.0- Updated letter of agreement- A handout was passed to all members, a few edits are necessary on page 5 but once completed; the letter will be signed and sent to school board office. This year the SAC is comprised of 14 members, the quorum will be 8.

5.2-School Supplies: Grade 5-8 The SAC is exploring the idea of offering parents of the students in Grades 5-8 the option of paying a fee to the school for school supplies. By buying school supplies in bulk, parents will benefit from reduced cost of school supplies, all students will have the correct school supply intended by the teacher and hopefully this will reduce the school start up cost that parents face every September.

So, Phil went shopping at Walmart to purchase a bundle of school supplies that a student may be asked to buy in preparation for the upcoming school year. This was compared to Karen Burke expensing the same package of supplies from our schools supplier. Once compared there was a saving of \$12.37.

Walmart(Phil) = \$56.26

School supplier = \$43.89

The SAC will now explore the possibility of parents paying a school supply fee to the school of \$30.00 per student in grades 5 & 6 and \$35.00 per student in grades 7 & 8. Once decided, a notice will go out to parents by the end of this school year to prepare them for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.

5.3- Grad week tickets- with decreasing enrollment, the allotment of grad tickets has increased. There was discussion around how to distribute the extra tickets. It was unanimously decided that it would be more equitable if all grads received the same number of tickets.

5.4- Fees/Yearbook- Phil is making a student survey on interest in a yearbook, we will discuss at a future meeting once the results are in.

6.0 New Business

6.1- Strike? All Principals were debriefed on a contingency plan if and when a strike is to occur. Depending on what happens, walk out? Work to rule? Plans have been discussed with staff on the proper procedures that need to take place to ensure the safety of our children. Communications will be sent out to parents from the NSTU.

7.1 - No report submitted by REC student council president

7.2 -Simon Burt reported the grad sweaters were underway but the progress is slow. The student council has some upcoming fundraising ideas such as a toy/book/clothing drive and partnering with the Shelby Shines On organization for distribution purposes. A bubble soccer tournament is scheduled for Dec/2/16 between the teachers and students. All proceeds will be donated to families in the community during this holiday season. There is an RA twitter account set up to inform students of up and coming events within their school community.

8.0- School Budget Update

8.1 -No update available as Leah Duggan has been seconded to the SRSB board office and there are still issues with balancing/updating the accounts.

8.2-Strait To Excellence- this is an invitation to nominate individuals for employee recognition for excellence in the workplace, please send in nominations to the attention of Janice Gough at the SRSB office before January 9th, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 4:19.

Next meeting scheduled for January 17th, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Hearn