

Minutes

SJA School Advisory Council

October 30, 2013

Attending: Todd Leader, Cheryl Avery Williams, Agnes Greer, Trina Canavan, Randy Pulsifer, Lisa Zwicker, Malcolm, Nancy Martin, Pascale Chambon Dias.

Regrets: Shawna Stanhope, Bob Williamson, Constable Andrew Cruthers, Nate Rostek

Letter of Agreement:

- Content of the letter does not change just the page refereeing to the make-up of the council.
- We could have another community member. Julie West asked in the Ridgecliff community but had no response. We will advertise on our school web page. meetings will be held the last Wednesday of every month.
- The numbers for teacher, students and EPA's must be changed. All of these numbers have gone down this year.
- Todd and Agnes will sign the letter tonight.
- Constable Cruthers will be at the next meeting.

Planning for the year:

- Athletics – there will be a broader plan put into place. There are a group of principles looking at this now and also at the roles of the Athletic Director in the schools. The goal is to put all high schools on the same page and create a document for both athletics and extracurricular activities. Randy is heading this and he and the others will be taking items from all the governing bodies and putting them into this one document. It will be live, changeable and very detailed.
- One of the main focuses will be the balance between academics and athletics.
- Randy will try and have a copy by the next meeting.
- It will be referred to as a handbook and will not address how finances are distributed.
- The need to have an NSTU member at all sporting events is being discussed at the board level. There has been not change to this rule as of yet and all teams must have one at all home and away games. Malcolm feels that the impartial set of eyes is needed at games to help when things like fights break out.
- Athletes are usually only missing 20 minutes at the end of the day for games. Days are only missed when there is a tournament.
- Optional tournaments need to be discussed when it comes to time to learn.
- The hockey team has been met with about hazing. The education piece has been taken care of and the boys, coaches and parents are aware of what will happen should this occur with any team.

Skills Trade Program:

- This program is now available and there is money for the infrastructure. It would include things like auto body work, carpentry etc.
- SAC can advocate for this program in a way the admin cannot.
- School will get the ball rolling on getting the information.
- Malcolm feels there is a great need for this type of programming among our student body and is willing on their behalf.

Student Council:

- Malcolm says that the spirit in the school is low. They want to focus on new students to bring the energy in the school up.
- Co prez's attended an HRM co-prez meeting and they want to introduce more activities into the school.
- NSSSA enrollment is down. We have gone from highest enrollment to the least. Malcolm, Holly and Haley attended the National Student Leadership Conference in PEI and are hoping to encourage more students to get involved in leadership.
- Communication has been rough and they are not wanting to push too much too quickly.
- School Clothing orders are going out soon. Hoping to be able to sell it at parent teacher.

Administrators Report:

- Report to community that AI completed will be on the website on November 6.
- Nov 7 – will be the first lockdown drill. A call will go out on school messenger. Andrew will be here with other officers.
- PD on Nov 18- working on CSI goals and 21st goals. Departments have common goals again this year.
- Awards Ceremony was successful.
- MADD is coming this month and how we bring students down will be looked at. Parents are calling in a excusing their kids.
- Is there a copy of Leah's speech available?
- Parking is improving and speed bumps are a possibility.
- Trees will be trimmed by the dumpsters in increase the line of site.
- Granite boulders have been placed around perimeters.
- No more parking in bus lanes.
- More student spaces available.
- Looking at a card entry system for staff at the back door so staff can park out back.
- Staff Change: Janis in on Mat leave and was teaching the Career Development class for the 02's. John Turnbull is taking this class over and Monique Hurley is taking his MKS 10.

Prom Change:

- It was getting very expensive and the dates we needed were not available for the World Trade Center.
- Very rushed for families to have all things in three days

- The prom is the Sunday before exams however, all process exams will be written and written exams do not begin until the Wednesday after the prom. The students will not have to be here on Monday.
- Parents will not have to take a day off work.
- It is being held at the Marriott.