

Student Advisory Council
Meeting minutes – September 24th, 2024

Attendance:

Craig Poirier, Parent
Julie Gibson, Parent
Natasha Williams, Parent
Heather Lynch, Parent
Nancy, Hartling, Parent
Anne-Marie Lynch, Parent
Colleen Rollings, Parent
Ryan Musyoka, Grade 9 Rep
Shaza Khattab, Grade 10 Rep
Neil Wang, Grade 11 Rep
Shreshtha Deotale, Grade 12 Rep
Tracey Beamish, Staff
Sunita Pinet, Staff
Leslie, Phillmore, Community Member
John Nisbet, Community Member
Craig Poirier, Community Member
Farhan Nur, Student Government Co-President
Meghan Organ, Student Government Co-President
Claire Barre, Staff

Regrets:

Meggie Spicer, Staff
Leah Bacich, Staff

- 1. Call to Order:** At 6:02pm by Lee Anne Amaral
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Approved by Sunita Pinet and Seconded by Nancy Hartling
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Approved by Craig Poirier and Seconded by Natasha Williams
- 4. Business arising from minutes:** No business arising
- 5. Principal's Report**

Current Enrollment: 1856 students (177 Grade 9, 501 Grade 10, 601 Grade 11, 565 Grade 12)

One class is over cap by 1 student. Teacher and SAC approved

Grade level assemblies, reviewed expectations, Grade 9s have joined smoothly.

Curriculum Night – held September 19

Continue to collect student fees and other fees (athletic, etc) through schoolcash online

Overnight Trips

Girls Soccer Team Moncton Sept. 19-21

Boys Soccer Team Moncton Oct. 4-5
CSLC Trip Ontario Oct. 5-8
Boys Volleyball PEI Oct. 18-20

Coming Up

September 30	Truth and Reconciliation – no school
October 11	PD Day – no school
October 25	Conference Day – no school
November 11	Remembrance Day – no school
December 5	PD/Parent Teacher

Emergency Management Plan

Fire Drill: Sept. 10
Lockdown Drill: September 18 (3 police officers present)
Hold & Secure Drill: September 24

6. Student Success Planning

Oct. 11 will be PD day where staff will work on our SSP (Student Success Plan) goals for literacy, numeracy and well-being.

7. Finance:

- SAC funding (\$5000 + \$1 for every student).
- SAC agreed that at this time we will wait to see what needs arise.

8. Policy Input

There was no policy input to report at this time

9. New Business

2024-2025 Co-Presidents: Meghan Organ & Farhan Nur

***Student Government room moved to C141**

• Welcome Week

- Assemblies (grade 9-12)
- Welcome spirit activities
- HRCE-wide Pink Day, wearing pink and signing the pledge against bullying.
- Halal BBQ at lunch

• 2nd Week

- Grade 9 and 10 Rep applications
- Grade 9 rep interviews, Grade 10 rep campaign

- Curriculum night (Sept 19)
- **This week**
 - West Fest spirit week
 - Grade 9 reps announced
 - Grade 10 student rep election results
 - 3v3 Basketball Tournament
 - Orange shirt day this Friday

UPCOMING:

October 2024

- Wed, Oct 2 - Club fair @ lunch in gym
- Fri, Oct 4 - Terry Fox Walk & Roll
- Oct 5-8 - CSLC (Upper exec & advisors)
- Fri, Oct 18 - Fall School yard cleanup
- Mon, Oct 28-Fri, Nov 1 - Oktoberfest
- Wed, Oct 30 - Coffeehouse

November 2024

- Wed, Nov 6 - Custodian Appreciation Luncheon
- Mon, Nov 18-Fri, Nov 22 - Wellness Week

Student Reports- Grade 9,10,11,12

- Transit passes – new pilot all students received transit passes but concern was raised about fleet capacity. Many buses are full and people have to wait for the next bus making them late.
- Morning supervision. School opens at 8:40. Student concern about students arriving earlier. Staff supervise beginning at 9:05 so we are allowing students to enter the building earlier.

10. Other

Next meeting dates: November 26, January 28, February 25, March 25, April 29, May 27.

Committee membership: Chair: Leslie Phillmore, Vice-Chair: Craig Poirier
 Membership is complete except Fairview Parent, which will be advertised in the Friday email.

SAC Conference – September 27th. Noone is available to attend.

Cell Phone Policy – Communication to parents prior to school starting & assembly with students to review expectations first two days. Clear expectations. No cell phones are allowed during instructional time (bell to bell) anywhere in the school except the

cafeteria or outside. No cell phones allowed in washroom or changing rooms at any time. No headphones/airpods allowed. Personal devices – chromebooks, ipads etc allowed. Cell phones can be used before school, in between classes, at lunch and after school.

Shelter Housing – shelter housing going in between the Canada Games Centre and BMO. They will have security 24 hours per day and it will be fenced. There will be no change in Halifax West procedures. We have a public path which runs through our property. If there are strangers who are disruptive or interacting negatively with our school community then it will be addressed.

Football – Our home opener was well attended. We have ample supervision within the field (4 administrators, 6 security, 2 uniformed police officers and 8 teachers). There were multiple groups of students gathering outside of the field and there were numerous altercations which resulted in a large presence of Halifax Regional Police. As such, moving forward we will only have families of players in attendance.

Graduation/Prom – we will be doing a survey for students and families to make decisions on prom and graduation. Students will be able to vote on Marriott Hotel (last year's venue) and Glow promotion. Parents and students will be able to vote on holding the graduation ceremony either at the Halifax Forum or within the Bella Rose (3 smaller ceremonies)

Security – Halifax West is one of the pilot schools to hire a security guard. We will be hiring someone mid-October.

Adjournment: Moved by Leslie Philmore at 7:35 pm