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Present:

Leslie Phillmore, John Nisbet, Craig Poirier, Nancie De la chevotiere, Greg MacKinnon, Marilyn MacGibbon, Debbie MacDonald, Leah Bacich, Jennifer Fougere, Sastry Vankamamidi, Sarah Page, Lucas Arab, Michelle Nguyen, Aisha Sulyman

Regrets:

Sheetal Ajay
Marwa Kuri

Agenda Items

Introduction

- SAC was joined by some new members and some returning members from 2018 2019. SAC members went around the table and introduced themselves and their role.

Election of the Executive

- John Nisbet was acclaimed as chair, Craig Poirier as vice chair and Greg MacKinnon as secretary for the 2019 2020 school year.

Composition of the SAC

- The composition of the SAC within the bylaws was reviewed ensuring that the member's names and roles match. The SAC still requires one community member and one staff member to fill out the membership.

Student Government Report

- Student government members gave a brief overview of recent and upcoming events including our upcoming Mental Health and Wellness Conference.

Principal's Report

- Principal gave some highlights from his principal's report including updates on co-curricular, student success planning and school events.

School Trips

- Boys' Hockey travelling to NL in February for tournament. SAC will be notified of any overnight trips from this point forward

Provincial School Advisory Council Fall Conference

- Conference to be held Nov 8 @ NS convention centre. SAC Chair and Principal to attend and return and share updates with SAC at November meeting.

Student Fee Report

- Principal shared student fee report. There was no excess funds to report for the 2018 2019 school year.

Information on Vaping

- SAC had discussions on vaping, issues that it is causing for students and staff at the school and how to work with students and the greater school community to reduce this activity and educate students around resources available to them to stop vaping / get more information on its health effects

New Business

- SAC talked about ways to reduce the anxiety and stress around course selection
- Information was presented about our upcoming Multicultural Show and the great opportunity it allows our school to represent and celebrate our diverse student populations / culture / talents
- SAC Chair encouraged students / SAC members to use the SAC as a voice to express their concerns and celebrate their successes and stressed how valuable their input is in having a successful school and school community

Submitted

Greg MacKinnon