

Student Advisory Council
Meeting minutes – September 26th, 2023

Attendance:

Craig Poirier, Parent
Meggie Spicer, Teacher
Sarah Miles, Vice Principal
Leah Bacich
Jen Fougere
Natasha Williams, Parent
John Nisbet, Community Member
Karen Williams, Vice Principal
Jane Elliott, Student Government Co-president
Ashton McNamara, Student Government Co-president
Griffin Spanik, Grade 9 Rep
Kasey Roy, Grade 10 Rep
Feyikemi Rotimi, Grade 11 Rep
Asha Abdosh, Grade 12 Rep
Scott McKinnon, Teacher
Julie Gibson, Parent
Shelley Drake, Support Staff
Leslie Phillmore, Community Member
Nancy Hartling, Parent
Heather Lynch, Parent

Regrets:

Lee Anne Amaral, Principal
Sheetal Ajay, Parent
Colleen Rollings, Parent

- 1. Call to Order:** At 6:01pm by Karen Williams
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Approved by Craig Poirier and Seconded by Leslie Phillmore with addition of discussion about “The Hate You Give” and book review process as requested by John Nisbit.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Approved by Julie Gibson and Seconded by Craig Poirier with addition of SAC member names to transition meeting and cafeteria tender, as well as typo on page 3.
- 4. Business arising from minutes:** No business arising
- 5. Principal’s Report**

Current Enrollment: 1807 students (164 Grade 9, 570 Grade 10, 591 Grade 11, 469 Grade 12)

All classes are at or under cap

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

Moves within the building – YMCA has moved upstairs next to EAL classrooms, Wendy Lawrence has moved to the main floor into a larger space

The Courtyard is almost finished (benches have been fixed, weeding/mulch complete) classes to signout

Picnic tables to be installed outside on the concrete pad to have additional seating for students/outside classroom

Modular – almost complete (deficiencies will be addressed)

Parking lot – signs and lines very shortly. New plan for walking flow. Right turn only sign at the top.

65th Anniversary – November 10th Information on the website. Seeking donations/sponsorships for silent auction towards bleachers

Curriculum Night – held September 21

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

Overnight Trips

CSLC trip – October 11 – 14

Boys Soccer team to Moncton Oct. 13-14

Coming Up

October 2 Truth and Reconciliation – no school

October 27 Conference Day – no school

November 13 Remembrance Day – no school

November 23 PD/Parent Teacher

Emergency Management Plan

Fire Drill: Sept. 12 (cleared the building just over 3 mins – everyone checked in 6m 20 secs) improvement by minutes of last year.

Lockdown Drill: September 19 (4 police officers present)

Hold & Secure Drill: September 27

6. Student Success Planning

Will share report from last Spring's survey at the next SAC meeting.

Discussed goals and efforts to support teachers with walkthroughs and PD opportunities.

7. Finance:

- SAC funding (\$5000 + \$1 for every student).

- SAC agreed that at this time we will wait to see what needs arise. At the moment, we have new technology for the modular classrooms and no immediate needs.

8. Policy Input

There was no policy input to report at this time

9. New Business

Student Government Report

Welcome Week

- Four grade level assemblies
- Student Guides
- HRCE Pink Day – New pink Shirts
- Welcome BBQ

Structure

- Newly elected grade ten reps
- Grade 9 rep applications/interviews
- Social media rebranding
- Structural reformation within student government
 - Project-based rather than committee based
 - More focus on student representation
 - Benefits
 - More balanced and flexible workload
 - More flexibility in projects
 - Increased efficiency

Upcoming

- Club fair
 - Lunch Sept 28- returning and new clubs
- September Coffeehouse
 - September 28 at 7pm
- World Teacher Day- October 5th
- Terry Fox Walk- October 6th
- CSLC
- Fall schoolyard cleanup- October 20th

Student Reports- Grade 9,10,11,12

- Discussed possibility of improved communication to students about supports available in the building.
- Discussed increased education and communication about scholarships, post secondary planning. Many events soon to take place to bring this process.
- Discussed concerns about bathrooms, accessibility to menstrual products, admin to place in more locations.
- Discussed communicating schools who visit the caf in advance through student gov.

10. Other

Discussed “The Hate You Give”, recently removed from Junior Highs and inquired about the process for book reviews. Discussed Bias evaluations tool and resources and supports that teachers can use to choose or advocate for resources in their classroom. Request for detailed description of NEECD process for book review for next meeting.

Next meeting dates: October 24 (added in discussion during meeting), November 28, January 30, February 27, March 26, April 30, May 28.

Committee membership: To be determined next meeting. Request for communication about roles and responsibilities prior to October’s meeting.

Review of By-laws- Deferred to next meeting. Need to make changes to be inclusive of Grade 9 students.

Modular updates- Classes have been running in the modular since the start of the school year. Canopy left to install over the ramp and entrance. Lockers to be installed in the coming months. Grade 9 students were given lockers in the front of the building to be as easily accessed as possible. Parking lot signs and painting is coming soon, all classrooms with their own chromebooks and teacher chromebooks, gender neutral washrooms.

Prom and Graduation- Survey held of parents and teachers. 91% of students in favour of dinner and dance at a hotel, 79% of parents and students in favour of graduation at the forum.

Red Dress and Moosehide Display- positive feedback shared from Leslie Phillmore about the use of our art displays that have been on display at Dalhousie since the NAIG and are still there now. Hoping to connect with students so that they can come see the display.

Adjournment: Moved by Leslie Phillmore at 7:34 pm