

Student Advisory Council
Meeting minutes – October 24th, 2023

Attendance:

Craig Poirier, Parent
Meggie Spicer, Teacher
Jen Fougere
Lee Anne Amaral, Principal
Sheetal Ajay, Parent
Colleen Rollings, Parent
John Nisbet, Community Member
Tanya Skelhorn, Vice Principal
Diliora Azuke-Onwuka – Student Government Vice-President
Ashton McNamara, Student Government Co-president
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:

Natasha Williams, Parent
Jane Elliott, Student Government Co-president
Griffin Spanik, Grade 9 Rep

1. Call to Order: At 6:01pm by Lee Anne Amaral

2. Approval of Agenda: Approved amended by Sheetal Ajay and Seconded by Nancy Hartling

3. Approval of Minutes: Approved by Tanya Skelhorn and Seconded by Scott MacKinnon

4. Business arising from minutes: Reviewed the EECD makes decisions re: book reviews. The Hate you Give is not removed from library just not be used as a full class novel at this point. Also shared the Know the Signals document which is a guide for selecting learning resources which value Black Students' Lives.

5. Principal's Report

Current Enrollment: 1800 students (164 Grade 9, 577 Grade 10, 578 Grade 11, 468 Grade 12, Returning Students 13)

Schoolcash on line – preferred method of payment

65th Birthday celebration – community/alumni event raise funds for bleachers. Refreshments, retro videos, alumni clothing sale, silent auction and live music.

Picnic tables – looking to increase the numbers and possibility add some benches.

Coming Up

October 25 Newcomer Event
October 28 Conference Day – no students
November 13 Remembrance Day in lieu
November 24 PD/Parent Teacher

Overnight Trips

Oct. 11-14 CSLC to St. John
Oct. 13-14 Boys Soccer to Moncton Tournament
Oct. 22-23 Cross Country to Cheticamp for Provincials
Nov. 17 – 19 Girls Hockey Sackville NB for Tournament
Dec. 8 -10 Girls Hockey Windsor NS for Tournament

Emergency Management Plan

Fire Drill: Oct. 11

Construction – parking lot, lines, path (HRM), modular
Sports - football

6. Student Success Planning

Shared Student Success Survey with SAC. Highlighted key areas. Reviewed the short cycle goals that staff is working towards to support our student success.

7. Finance:

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

Discussed the picnic tables and possibly benches to be added outside
Also discussed teacher's requests for horseshoe conferencing tables.

8. Policy Input

There was no policy input to report at this time

9. Reports

Student Government Report

Recent Events

- Club fair (Emma Creelman) - in person and digital
- September Coffeehouse (Hamza Abawajy)
- World Teacher Day (Fiyin Adeniyi)
- Terry Fox Walk (Olivia Guy)
 - \$955.30 for the Terry Fox Foundation
- Fall Schoolyard Cleanup (Anna Lee)

CSLC

- Leadership conference - St. John High
 - Attended by Advisors, Co-Presidents, and VP
- Keynotes, workshops, spirit groups
- Rally for Life event
 - \$15 000 raised for Canadian Cancer Society
- Ideas
 - New Heritage months
 - Smudging as part of land acknowledgement
 - Drag storytime

Upcoming

- Oktoberfest (Siya Ajay + Isabella de Carvalhos Dias)
 - October 24 - Halloween colours + Movie showing
 - October 25 - Battle of the Decades + Decades karaoke in the caf
 - October 26 - West Birthday Fest + outdoor carnival
 - October 30 - Sweater Weather + pumpkin decorating
 - October 31 - Costume day + costume show and trick-or-treating @ lunch
- October Coffeehouse (Isabella de Carvalhos Dias)
 - Tomorrow at 7pm
- Bowlathon (Emma Creelman + Siya Ajay)
- NOVEMBER 10 - ALUMNI & COMMUNITY evening 7pm-10pm

Grade 10 Report

Discussion about washrooms

Grade 11 Report

Discussion about cafeteria food/prices as well as the need to provide more education around racial and ableist slurs

Grade 12 Report

Discussion around the conflict in Israel/Palestine – school supports etc.

How do students know where supports are?

On google classroom

Main office, Student Services, Health Centre, Schools Plus

10. New Business

Reviewed SAC dates for the year – Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, April 30, May 28

Committee Membership – elected chair, Leslie Phillmore and co-chair, Julie Gibson

Review by-laws – send a copy of by-laws and letter of agreement to committee.

Recommendations to amend will be discussed next meeting – Nov. 28

Adjournment: Moved by Lee Anne Amaral at 7:15pm