

HWHS SAC Minutes for Nov 25, 2014

Present: John Nisbet, Tim Simony, Angela McCarthy, Sandra Starratt, Lori Welsh, Scott Guthrie, Trish Belliveau, Ken Smith, John Keith, Seakho Lim, Dolly Hayden, Lamia Chowdhury, Shawn Sheehan, Victoria Best

Absent: Sherry Robinson

1. Welcome
2. John opened the meeting with an exercise on introductions
3. Minutes: it was decided that the minutes will not be posted until approved
4. Sandra gave a follow up presentation to update us on the Canadian School Leadership Conference:
 - There is a theme to every conference and this year's theme is Leadership 360, Leading is Giving
 - It is National with 750 students and 250 teacher/advisors from all provinces and territories in Canada
 - HWHS approval to host this was granted a few years ago
 - There will be a pre conference Sept 19-21 for 250 people who want to visit the province before the CSLC.
 - Registration is on Sept 22nd and will be held at Soccer Nova Scotia, Soccer Nova Scotia has been rented for the whole week of the conference
 - There will be national and international keynote speakers. One confirmed keynote speaker is Cathy Buckley and possibly Shaun Majumder
 - The Governor General of Canada has been invited but will not have an answer until sometime in the spring
 - When students are not with key note speakers they will be back at the school
 - Regular classes will be closed for the 2 days
 - The school will be transformed into workshops with mini keynotes with the students asking questions, reflections groups, discussions. There will be provincial rooms where the students will meet each morning then be split into mixed groups. With separate workshops for students and advisors
 - The Thursday there will be a trade show in the gym with universities involved as well. Booths in the tradeshow will help with cost
 - There is an outing day where they will go and show them Halifax examples : Pier 21, Citadel Hill, downtown exploration

- There are evening activities IE. Redo the multicultural show on Wednesday night. The advisors will be doing separate PDs and bonding events but will be at the multicultural event/
- Thursday or Friday is down time with the billet family
- Saturday is a time for volunteering, need an experience that can accommodate 700-750 students. One possibility is to go to George's Island for a clean up and this would be a first for CSLC students
- Students can get involved by volunteering as HWHS has a quota a quota of 9 students as participants, others can get involved by volunteering to work or help.
- Sandra is starting a committee made of HWHS students, parents, teachers, graduates, community members.
- Will need help in billeting students, we will need approximately 600 billet families and they have to take at least 2, can take more if they like. This will be for 5 nights (Tuesday –Saturday with students flying out on Sunday) Billet families are responsible to drop the students off and pick them up and only for breakfast. The advisors are staying at the Future Inn.
- Teachers at HWHS and community members are volunteering to help supervise students, note that staff is helping and being very supportive
- Will need help with food/meals during the day. Victoria Best is on this committee
- At the opening ceremonies which will be similar to the Olympics and there will be a parade. We will need to contact the students, feeder schools and community about lining the streets for the parade to show the visitors a good maritime welcome.
- Trish asked if we could have detailed info in what committee volunteers they are looking for
- Scott recommended contacting HRM Volunteer Services and the Step Up the Leadership, they offer courses in leadership, skills and etc
- Lori asked if the HWHS leadership class could help
- Ken asked if we could have an update each meeting. Was decided yes and this can be given by Sandra, Victoria or Tim.
- Sandra has already met with Diane Whalen and the Mayor regarding the event and funds needed. Scott will talk to Iain Rankin
- Dolly has offered her husband Shane's help with regard to media
- Sandra is looking at possibly having Saturday's closing at the World Trade Center

5.) Principal's Report:

- Tim spoke of Caleb and how the whole community came together as teachers, parents, students, and community members.

- Trish spoke on how students were pleased with how well the school handled everything and what the school did to help them and support them, from the grief counselling, pictures and everything.
- Tim spoke about how events since October 14th have shown that HWHS is made out of and we should be proud
- Brigadier-General The Honourable J.J Grant , CMM, ONS, CD spoke at the Remembrance Day services

6) Chairs Report:

- John Nisbet spoke on who is in what role with the SAC.
 John Nisbet- Community Member
 Victoria Best – Staff
 Shawn Sheehan – Staff
 Lamia Chowdhury – Student
 Dolly Hayden – Brookside Jr High Community Member
 Seokho Lim – Student
 John Keith – Clayton Park Parent
 Ken Smith – Fairview Parent
 Scott Guthrie - Brookside Jr High Parent
 Angela McCarthy – Brookside Jr High Community Member
 Lori Welsh – Staff
 Trish Belliveau – Clayton Park Parent
 Sherry Robinson - Staff
 We are looking for a Gr 10 rep
- John N. would like for us to discuss the transition phase for students at a later date
- John N. thanked the staff for what all that they do and to let them know that what they are doing is good.
- John N. attended the HRM Volunteer Conference. He asked what the SAC thought of nominating the student body as a group. He stated that Recreation Nova Scotia's Award deadline is Feb 20th
- John N. asked about a SAC Scholarship and if the SAC would think about setting one up. This item is to be put on a future agenda.

7) Student Report:

- John N. Explained for student reps not to feel pressured and to let peers know it is a venue for them to feel free to speak on concerns, ideas and etc.

- Seokho spoke on the CSLC 360 and how students and teachers need to come to school keen to learn. He would like to see parents become more interactive with students and discussed ways of parents to encourage conversations.

8) Other Business:

- John Keith spoke on concerns with drop down report cards. John Nisbet suggested that we have a discussion on this as a future agenda item and that maybe the staff could shed some light on this. Scott spoke how the DOE has had a lot of feedback on this subject and are looking at changes
- John Thanked staff for volunteering and for making a difference.

Next meeting is Dec 18th 2014.

Submitted by :

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