



## School Advisory Council

### Minutes

Meeting of October 12, 2017

**Attendees:** Emily Quigley (Principal), Jennifer Cholock-Whitty (Staff Rep), Julie Marks (Secretary, Parent Rep), Lynne MacKinnon (Teacher Rep), Brian Psooy (Parent Rep), Mary Beth Ross (Community Rep); Ashley Matthews-Duffett (Community Rep)

**Regrets:** Dave Moorhouse (Co-Chair/ Parent Rep)

#### 1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

- One small change re Principle's Report: Grade 6's not being assessed in Provincial Assessments
- Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2017, noting changes
- Moved by Jennifer, Seconded by Lynn, Motion carried.

#### 3. Business Arising from Minutes:

- Fencing Along Purcell's Cove Road:
  - Approved in principle by School Administrator
  - Looking into restrictions in placement
  - Giving quotes to HRSB Operations
- HRSB Letter of Agreement Review:
  - To review at next meeting given Dave's absence
- Snow and Ice at JWM and FT Sites
  - Met with HRSB staff on Oct 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Looking at using sand/salt to remedy; advised that in the past this did not work
  - It is a safety issue and only real entrance to back of school; needs to be fixed
  - Has been looked into several times with no positive outcome
  - Boulders: will be removed and are on a work order
  - HRSB Operations department to address
- SAC Membership
  - Will do a phone blast to seek SAC membership
  - No interest/response from Newsletter
- School Website
  - Preference for families to go to school website versus Facebook
  - Preference for issues to be sent by email to the school versus posted on Facebook
  - Use of school logo on Facebook to be discussed with Home and School at next meeting
- Hot Meals:
  - Meals almost every day per week to ambitious; may move to 3 times per week

#### 4. Principal's Report: Emily Quigley

- So far this year:
  - Stand Up Against Bullying Day Sept 14- Kindness Assembly yesterday
  - Curriculum Night BBQ on September 21
  - So far this year- Safety and Security at JWMFT Hold and Secure Lockdown/Firedrills/Relocation/Telephone Trees
  - Terry Fox Run
  - Provincial Assessments Grade 6 only this year
  - The benefits and the cost of class trips (grade 1s farm, Grade 5s and 6 trip to Sports Fair, The grade P-1 went going Apple Picking etc..) volunteers and cost is still a problem
  - New lunch program- some growing pains. A new order is going out with some changes
- Coming up:
  - Pumpkin Pallooza
  - We Scare Hunger- WeDay!
  - Dr Chorney- Classroom Anxiety presentation in November for parents
  - Remembrance Day Assembly Nov. 9
  - We Day coming up
  - Master drummer from Africa on Nov 30 Amara Kante
  - Holiday Concert Plan Dec 14- P-6 two concerts- P-2 5:30-6:30 and 3-6 from 7:00-8:00-December fine arts showcase will be during the day choir, band and violin
- In the Classrooms:
  - Settled in and going well
- SSP-School Success Plan (Previously CSI)
  - Year 1
  - John W Macleod Fleming Tower is committed to improving and being the best school we can be. Through sharing, learning and collaborating we can learn from one another. By developing common goals in the Student Success Planning process we commit to helping all students improve and learn. On September 28 we met as a staff to establish two new school goals:
    - Literacy: To improve student achievement in writing in the areas of ideas, organization, language use and conventions.
    - Mathematics: To improve our student' achievement in number sense with an emphasis on partitioning and representing numbers in a variety of ways.
  - Our school goals support the Halifax Regional School Boards strategic plan goals which are:
    - To improve student achievement and personal success; and
    - To maximize exemplary teaching practices to support high quality instruction.

#### 5. New Business

- Grade Configurations, JL Isley
  - Want to unite communities through SAC's
  - Meeting Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Schools need boundary reviews
  - Dave to attend; if not attending to advise SAC for others to go

- By-law Revisions
  - To defer until next meeting
- Outside Improvements:
  - Brain suggested painting games for students on pavement as permanent items versus chalk; to research for Spring
  - Jennifer/Emily advised that there are machines available to paint and that lines of existing games can be repainted

## **6. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm
- Next meeting Thursday, November 9, 2017, 6:00 pm