



## School Advisory Council

### Minutes

Meeting of September 14, 2017

**Attendees:** Emily Quigley (Principal), Dave Moorhouse (Co-Chair/ Parent Rep), Jennifer Cholock-Whitty (Staff Rep), Julie Marks (Secretary, Parent Rep), Lynne MacKinnon (Teacher Rep), Brian Psooy (Parent Rep)

**Regrets:** Mary Beth Ross (Community Rep); Ashley Matthews-Duffett (Community Rep)

1. Call to Order
  - Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm
2. Approval of Minutes
  - Motion: to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2017, as circulated
  - Moved by Brian, Seconded by Jennifer, Motion carried.
3. Business Arising from Minutes:
  - Fencing Along Purcell's Cove Road:
    - Is fencing allowed? What permissions are needed to erect a fence? Emily to contact Councilor
    - Fence will limit where children can 'pop' out on road
    - Recommend 6' fence; erect far enough from road to avoid snow plowing on to fence
    - Brian got 3 quotes: Maritime quoted over phone; other 2 came on site
  - Basketball Net: Brian waiting for quote from Cleve's Sporting Goods
  - HRSB Letter of Agreement Review:
    - To review at next meeting
  - Snow and Ice at JWM and FT Sites
    - Build up on Path; Landworks not able to complete; suggested we find someone else
    - Contacted HRM; said they can fix; an 'open' file now so not sure when they will fix
    - Suggested to speak with Councilor about; note above re fence
  - First Day of School Plan
    - Some disorganization re crowded gym; re rain, otherwise well done
    - Many new registrations this year; people moving into neighbourhood
4. Principal's Report: Emily Quigley
  - Busy time of year
  - Staffing: New Phys Ed teacher: Dan Selkirk; Music Teacher: Tara Sampson has returned at 40% FTE; Guidance position has increased from 50% to 100% FTE
  - Events: Stand Up Against Bullying; about kindness and more than just about bullying
  - Curriculum Night Sept 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Safety and Security: Fire Drills went really well

- Provincial Assessments soon for Grads 6
- Doctor Chorney to talk to parents about Anxiety: may open invitation to other schools based on attendance
- Change to lunch break: students to play first then to come in and eat lunch; to promote eating lunches. Students were rushing to get outside and not eating lunches
- Lunch Monitors: contact ISANS re new immigrants seeking work in English-speaking workplace
- Change of class-times to ½ hour longer seems to be working well with younger children
- SSP: School Success Plan: need to set goals for this year. Reading Comprehension, Math and Problem-solving for the past f years. The school will be developing new goals.
- Hot Meal Program: Kim Ritcey contacted 10 foodservice places, others approached JWMFT; samples were provided; goal to keep prices low and have healthy meals

#### 5. New Business

- Class Reconfiguration:
  - Regrouping of Grades 5 and 6 unanimously supported by SAC; moved from 2 Grade 5/6 splits to one each Grade 5 and Grade 6; the straight 5 class will have 24 students and the straight 6 will have 29 students
  - Needed Teacher Agreement for Grades 1 and 2 split to go over cap; better for Grades 1 and 2 versus Primary and Grade 1 as older students more independent
  - Teachers were in agreement to all changes
- School Website and Communications:
  - To discuss at next meeting
- SAC Membership for 2017/18 School Year
  - Mary Beth may not offer
  - Opening for Community Member
  - Staff position may open
  - Julie not reoffering

#### 6. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm
- Next meeting Thursday, October 12, 2017, 6:00 pm