

## School Advisory Council (in person)

### MEETING MINUTES

**In attendance:** Jen Comeau, Tracy Beaton, Audrey Davison, Alyssa Blackburn, Gary Miller, Holly Doyle, Jayda Provo (student representative), Julie Johnson

**Regrets:** Michael Wall

1. Call to order – 6:01pm
2. Review and approval of agenda
  - a. moved: Jen Comeau
  - b. seconded: Holly Doyle
3. Approval of Minutes from September 27 meeting
  - a. moved: Holly Doyle
  - b. seconded: Alyssa Blackburn
4. Student Report - Jayda Provo
  - a. Soccer
    - i. Boys Team Capital Region Championships
  - b. Volleyball Team
    - i. Girls and boys home and away games
  - c. Spirit Week
    - i. Teachers working with students to plan
    - ii. Pumpkin Carving
      1. Ms. Crowell won, 3rd year in a row
  - d. Classes
    - i. Phys Ed. - Fitness course in gym, now starting volleyball
    - ii. Tech ed and Art - stop motion, 15 minute movies - using cardboard, clay and recording using ipads
    - iii. Math - stock market 'game'
  - e. Take Your Kid to Work Day (grade 9)
    - i. opportunity to see a real "day in the life" at work
  - f. Terry Fox
    - i. student led by grade 9 classes
    - ii. each class decided own activities and incentives
  - g. Report Cards
    - i. review and missing work lists
    - ii. helpful to communicate what's missing before reports go home

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5. Principal's Report

- a. Field Day/Terry Fox Walk - Led by Grade 9s
- b. Spirit Week - October 30 - November 3
- c. Pumpkin Carving Contest
- d. Soccer Finished Up - Boys won banner (Capital Region Champs)
  - i. vs. Ellenvale in a shootout
  - ii. consider further fundraising to support athletics
- e. Volleyball underway
- f. Bus evacuations tools place October 18th, 3rd Fire Drill took place Nov 8th
- g. Lunch Activities
  - i. Drama Club
  - ii. Art Club
  - iii. Intramurals (different days for each grade)
- h. Work Hard, Be Nice Monthly Awards
  - i. teacher nominated
  - ii. one shirt per grade level per month
- i. Winter Dance - December 13th
- j. Turkey Dinner - December 13th
  - i. planning stages
  - ii. potential contacts for restaurants to help with turkey and mashed potatoes
  - iii. SAC parent involvement in preparing and serving
- k. Parent Teacher
  - i. November 23rd, 1-3pm and 6-8pm
- l. Report Cards - home November 21st or 22nd
- m. Grade 7 Vaccinations
- n. Student Success Planning (SSP)
  - i. Literacy Update: Students will demonstrate improvement in writing with a focus on reading engagement and choice. Teachers identified a lack of reading engagement, which they feel is influencing students' writing ability. Teachers implemented a variety of mini lessons. They found that students who are usually engaged, remain engaged. There has been a slight increase in engagement from disengaged students, however, most disengaged students remain reluctant to read. Comprehension appears to be the barrier for engagement. To gather more information, the Dibels assessment was done with grade 7s to record a reading comprehension baseline. Next teachers will be working on text attack strategies - how to approach unfamiliar text.
  - ii. Math Update: To improve student achievement in Number Sense with a focus on Reasoning. Math teachers have started a book study on Daily Reasoning Routines. Grade 7s and 8s will look at open ended questions that generate discussion about what solutions can look like and why. Grade 9s are using the stock market to connect understanding of the impact of negative and positive numbers to stock values.
- o. Teacher Learning
  - i. teachers are in the process of drafting their Professional Growth Plan; an annual expectation as part of the teacher appraisal policy
  - ii. All staff attended a provincial conference on Oct 27<sup>th</sup>

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Thursday, November 9, 2023  
6pm – 7pm

6. Funding Proposals
  - a. Haley Knudsen: Flexible Seating
    - i. Approved for up to \$500: unanimous
7. Questions
  - a. Julie has agreed to become the secretary
8. Next meeting date: January 25th
9. Adjournment - 6:45pm

**Upcoming Meetings: January 25th, March 7th, May 16th, June TBA**

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