

## **West Pictou Consolidated School**

### **SAC Minutes Nov 19, 2019 4:10 PM**

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**Attendees:** Margaret Deyoung, Chris Shipley, Pat Fagan, Jenny Velchev, Lynn MacLean, Cindy Turner, Chris Georgeson, Sarah Wilson, Wayne Murray, Rae Gunn

**Regrets:** Sam Reid, Michelle Langille

**Absent:** Keegan Dalton, Jeff MacDonald

**Approval of agenda:** Moved by Pat, seconded by Margaret. Motion carried.

**Approval of minutes from Oct 1st, 2019:** Moved by Pat, seconded by Chris Shipley. Motion carried.

#### **School Success Plan and Professional Plan:**

Reviewed School Success plan.

Well-being goal -dot activity to be revisited by staff before Xmas.

Glen Thompson will be coming to talk about restorative practices.

Mentoring activities are happening at lunch times on Tuesdays and Thursdays - older kids are matched with younger kids. Karen Chapman for Big Brothers Big Sisters came in to help with setting up that program and training the older kids about how to mentor.

Strategies for younger students to get involved in school activities. How can we measure how many students are involved and how can we help them get more involved? Find out the barriers that are keeping students from being involved and see if there are resources in the community that we can bring in to help.

The school will work on gathering data about participation in extracurricular activities.

#### **Old Business/Items arising from Minutes:**

- a) Cindy and Lynn attended the Provincial SAC meeting in Truro. They talked about the use of the SAC funds for operations. There were some workshops on policy. The Regional Center is trying to create policies across the province and got feedback from the SAC's. Another workshop was on consensus modelling for the SAC. There was a good turnout from Chignecto Regional Center. They talked about equity and funding for schools. For example, they discussed questions such as why do smaller schools get the same funding as larger schools.
- b) There is a new flag pole on site at the school and a request has been put in to get it put up.
- c) The curtain for the gym that the school is trying to get funded and installed must go on the capital expenditures list according to information from operations. The SAC will continue to explore funding for the curtain. Emails have been written to Regional Directors by the principal and the SAC.

- d) There has been a suggestion to invite Salt Springs and Scotsburn to have a joint SAC meeting to share ideas.
- e) One Gaga Pit has been built and the kids have started using it. The feedback has been good. The school would like 2 more Gaga Pits. The stencils have been delivered to the school for the 100's square game and pavement markings. There is an estimate for the baby barn that we are awaiting.
- f) Reflex math has been renewed thanks to SAC funds and is being enthusiastically used.

### **New Business:**

- a) Health promoting schools - a suggestion was made to have a presentation for the SAC.
- b) Defibrillator needed for the school. There are medical challenges at the school and we have been asked by 911 why the school doesn't have a defibrillator. There is also a concern for community use of the school. What training and maintenance is required for the AED units? The principal will follow up on finding out about getting a defibrillator for the school.
- c) The principal brought up a concern that she has been working on trying to resolve for some time now. Janitors are not scheduled to be on site at the school during the morning until 10 am. The principal has brought this concern to Chris Zwicker at Regional Center for Education. The school needs janitors in the morning when students are coming into school. There have been incidents where teachers and other staff members have been required to clean up after students who have been sick in the morning because there are no janitors on site at that time. It is a matter of health and safety of students and staff. The SAC has agreed to write a letter to the Regional Center for Education if this issue is not resolved before the next meeting.

### **Home and School Report:**

The Holiday Market will take place at the end of November.

### **Principal's Report:**

Major fundraiser raised \$8,800 for school. Winner was Dana Gordon from Winnipeg got the travel voucher.

West Pictou participated in the UN day.

Remembrance Day activities were a success. 3 cadet groups participated.

Report cards are going out on Tuesday.

### **Meeting Dates:**

Jan 14, Feb 11, April 14, and May 12. Meetings will begin at 4:05.

### **Action Items:**

Lynn - follow up with Karla Mitchell on funding for curtain in gym.

Cindy - follow up about getting a defibrillator for the school, where should the funds come from for this?

Rae - follow up on getting a presentation together for Health promoting schools (HPS) for the SAC.

Cindy and Lynn - follow up about the issue of scheduling janitors for the morning at the school.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jenny Velchev