

West Pictou Consolidated School

SAC Minutes Oct 1st, 2019 4:00 PM

Attendees:

Margaret Deyoung, Chris Shipley, Pat Fagan, Jenny Velchev, Lynn MacLean, Cindy Turner, Kim Tetrault, Michelle Langille, Sarah Wilson (Parent)

Regrets were sent from Keegan Dalton, Sam Reid, Jeff MacDonald, Rae Gunn, Wayne Murray

Additions/changes to agenda: Old business - provincial workshop May 29th. New business - change date of workshop is Nov 1st for SAC chairs and Principals. New business - add 2 questions from Rae Gunn that she forwarded for this meeting.

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

Approval of minutes from May 28th, 2019: Moved by Pat and seconded by Kim. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: Chair - Lynn MacLean, Vice chair - Chris Shipley, Secretary - Jenny Velchev

School Success Plan and Professional Plan:

SSP -Student Success Plan and School Annual Report - reviewed updated data on draft. Well-being goal is a separate goal this year. Main well-being goal is to increase the sense of belonging. MDI surveys show low well-being in grade 4 and 7.

To measure well-being, elementary and middle school focus groups will answer 4 simple questions on well-being to get a baseline for this year. Students will be asked again in the spring and the results will be compared. Other schools are going to do the same with their students so then the results can be compared from school to school.

- **Strategies for supporting Well-Being goal:**

- The DOT activity was done on Friday, Sept 27 with staff. Teachers reviewed students in school and identified students they have a relationship with. The school plans to do this activity with EA's as well. For spring data - check students who have no dots and make an effort to try and form a relationship with them. When teachers do make a relationship, put a different colour dot and review the chart in the summer.
- "Four at the door" activity: Teachers will greet students at the classroom door at the bell.
- Murals of interest throughout the school are continuing to be painted. There has been very good feedback on the art throughout the school. The children enjoy watching the artist paint during school hours too.
- Sensory floor in the Primary to 2 wing. This has had great feedback too.
- Murals will continue upstairs this year for middle school students.
- Elisa Rutledge will run an animation club at lunch.
- Pairing up older and younger kids - pair older classes and younger classes to go on field trips together. Big Brothers Big Sisters - Karen Chapman will get older kids to mentor younger kids at lunch hours.

Professional Learning Plan handed out - Draft plan submitted yesterday.

There is a new Provincial Policy coming for Resource this year. Resource grew this year.

Old Business/Items arising from Minutes:

- **Outdoor Classroom:**
 - No response from the Department yet. Going to see what we can start doing on our own. Need to talk to Operations to see what we can do ourselves
 - A buddy bench needs to be painted for the middle school side with some trees. In memory of William Naugler, a former student
 - Gordon Ratcliffe is supposed to come and talk about the outdoor classroom
- **Provincial Workshop May 29th, 2019:**
 - Lynn, Cindy, Jenny, Chris and Jeff attended the workshop in Truro
 - Looked over Agenda. Looked at plan for system improvement plan. Well-being was front and center of that meeting. Well-being is low in many schools
- **SAC Funds Purchases Follow up:**
 - Pens have been purchased
 - We have the paint for the hundred's square but no stencil
 - Margaret suggested hiring someone to paint the squares since we already have the paint which will free up some money to allow for someone to paint the 100 squares
 - **Motion:** Margaret moved that the school hire someone to paint the 100 squares outside and Michelle seconded it. Motion carried.
- **Other discussion:**
 - Grade 6 teachers asked to go on regular hikes. Funding from SAC could be used for busing
 - Intramurals at lunch time are happening this year
 - Need to communicate to parents the efforts that the school is taking to add physical activity opportunities

New Business:

- **Workshop Nov 1st for SAC Chairs and Principals**
- **Request for financial support for Learning Center (Pat)**
 - Learning Center financial request for Reflex Math renewal fee of \$1000.00.
 - Pat talked about how well the program works for kids. Students try to use it a minimum of 3 times a week. 2 other teachers use it as well. Targets grade 2 to 8. It is self-directed and parents can log on and see progress.
 - **Motion:** Margaret moved that we purchase a site license for the 40 students for Reflex Math for the school year. Jenny seconded it. Motion carried.

Home and School Report: The new sensory hallway was paid for by the Home and School. They also bought a trike for the students and hosted the ice cream social Sept 4th. They started all the downstairs murals and purchased some nets for road hockey.

Principal's Report:

Cindy emailed Michael Bates about the flag pole which was destroyed in Hurricane Dorian. Currently, 505 students, and the school had a good start up. School has 2 part time behaviour specialists and they do not have caps at any grade but have low primary numbers. West Pictou pre-primary students are at Scotsburn which concerns WP as they believe the families, once accustomed to the school, will want to stay there instead of entering primary at WP.

Meeting Dates:

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

*The Nov 12th date has been changed to Nov 19th.

Action Items:

Lynn will email Karla Mitchell in regards to the curtain for the gym.

Lynn follow up with Wayne Murray about being a member on the SAC.

Cindy will talk to new FOSS about the curtain.

Chris will contact Jeff MacDonald about Baby barn materials pricing to get an update.

Cindy will discuss with NRHS about hosting a joint SAC meeting with all the feeder schools.

Adjournment:

Kim moved the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Margaret. Meeting concluded about 5:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Velchev