

West Pictou Consolidated School

SAC Minutes Nov 3, 2020 4:04 PM

Attendees: Jenny Velchev, Lynn MacLean, Kim Thériault, Cindy Turner, Margaret DeYoung, Jill Hennick, Sarah Wilson, Rae Gunn, Chris Georgeson, Michelle Langille

Regrets: Wayne Murray,

Additions to agenda: none

Approval of agenda: Moved by Michelle. Seconded by Margaret. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes from Oct 6th, 2020: Moved by Kim and seconded by Rae. Motion carried.

Old Business/Items arising from Minutes:

- Update on baby barn - Cindy spoke to Michael Bates several times and he is working on getting a baby barn.
- The curtain is not going to be installed this year due to funding. Whether or not we are on a list for next year is uncertain.
- Purchase of chromebooks - they have been purchased but have not arrived yet. Less chromebooks were purchased so touch screen ones could be bought instead.
- Outdoor learning - The ASK program (Active smarter kids pilot project) is a program that Sarah Devoe did a general overview with admin and P-6 teachers in a meeting at the school. www.activesmarterkids.com
- Outdoor learning - Sally Steeves and Kim have put their names forward for a grant from Uplift. There will be a zoom meeting about this for outdoor learning for Tech Ed. Right now ideas are needed before funding is given.
- Outdoor learning - On the elementary side there are 3 new covered sandboxes for the students.
- Winter activities concerning outdoor learning are a priority for the school.
- Some teachers have approached Chris about resources for outside learning. Chris asked teachers to make a list of requests so he can look into it and price it out. The list came to about \$4,600.

School Success Plan and Professional Plan:

- Kim and Cindy met with Sarah Devoe about school goals. They are focussing on small group learning. The math goal is the same. Biggest focus is on the well-being goal.

Presentation:

SchoolsPlus Pictou County Presentation by Jillian Hennick

Jillian gave an overview of SchoolsPlus.

SchoolsPlus is funded by several government services.

Students must reside in Pictou County. Families must agree for help from SchoolsPlus.

Students and families can self-refer, and the schools can refer students. Then there is a referral process.

SchoolsPlus coordinates services and provides services to families.

There is a new mental health clinician for West Pictou and is hired by the Nova Scotia Health Authority. She is a Masters level Social Worker. Her name is Chantal Vien.

The clinician provides one-to-one treatment at the school.

Community outreach workers provide group programming to students. They are hired by the CCRCE.

Jillian's office is at Northumberland Regional High School.

Follow up discussion on presentation - there is a big demand for clinicians. Resources are limited. Students really appreciate and need the clinician at the school.

New Business:

Sarah attended a meeting called Guys Pro. It was about a program to support boys.

Principal's report:

Basketball skills program have started with COVID rules in place.

Halloween week was a success.

Home and School provided the sand for the sandboxes and the treats for Halloween.

Dungeons and Dragons and Magic the Gathering program is starting for after school for kids who are interested in that.

There is around \$7000 available in SAC funds, excluding the baby barn.

Meeting Dates:

Next meeting, Dec 1st, 4 pm via zoom.

Action Items:

1. Baby barn - Cindy will continue to contact Michael Bates about the baby barn.
2. Chris will reach out to the high school and Kia at the alternative school about getting washer toss sets.
3. Cindy will forward the school success plan once the draft is completed.
4. Sarah will send information about the boys program to Cindy for the next meeting.
5. Cindy will bring a statement of funds for the next meeting.

Adjournment: Chris moved for meeting to be adjourned and Sarah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Velchev