

West Pictou Consolidated School

SAC Minutes January 8, 2019 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES

Margaret DeYoung, Cindy Turner, Michelle Langille, Kim Tetreault, Jenny Velchev, Rae Gunn, Lynn MacLean, Pat Fagan, Marlie Crosby (Student Representative), Kale Shipley, Chris Shipley

Regrets were sent from Jeff MacDonald (new member) and Laura Rowan.

Welcome - Marlie Crosby, new student representative.

Additions to agenda and approval of agenda – Moved by Pat and seconded by Margaret. Motion carried - Addition to agenda was the Assessment Consultation powerpoint and brainstorming activity.

Approval of minutes from Nov 27th, 2018 Moved by Jenny and seconded by Pat. Motion carried.

Last Meeting Follow-up:

Draft Policy for Extracurricular Activities

Completed online form for feedback on Draft Policy for Extracurricular Activities. Pictures were taken of screen with answers on form for reference.

Result of conversation with municipal leaders and their role on SAC's

One municipal leader said he would bring it to council. He said he sees value in being on the SAC as the municipality pays 20% of the bill for education in the county.

Dates for meeting on writing SAC agreement and By-Laws

Tuesday Jan 15th at 4 pm. The storm date will be for the following Tuesday, Jan 22nd.

New Business

The principal presented a powerpoint on Assessment Consultation for a new policy that will be in effect on Sept 1st, 2019. Then a brainstorming activity was conducted. Here are some of the key points from that activity:

Current assessments are too impersonal ie. cut and paste.

Constant changes in reporting is frustrating.

Student self-assessments have been put on report cards, this is an interesting approach.

Standardized testing should happen twice a year instead of once a year so students don't have to retain so much information and so they can be tested before they have time to forget too much of what they learned.

There are not enough characters in specialty subjects to allow for more personalized and detailed comments.

There should be a variety of assessments and multiple assessments for 1 particular outcome.

The language should not be teacher language, it should be understandable by parents and clear and concise.

Why do we do certain assessments? Are they for the individual students or to serve a purpose such as finding funding, identifying trends, etc.

There is inequity between schools - some schools have more current testing materials than others.

Not all students have access to technology at home.

Powerschool is a useful tool but not all parents and students have easy access to technology which prevents them from being able to take advantage of this program.

School Success Plan and Professional Plan

Monthly PD sessions on math and literacy are ongoing.

The last PD session was hosted by Patrizia Aleece on writing conventions.

The last Monday of January at 3:20 PM there will be a presentation by Nevin Jackson on Cultural Responsiveness which supports the embedded goal of improving the school climate.

Home and School Report

No paint night was hosted.

Principal's Report

The Principal attended the Principal Advisory Council meeting today.

Meeting Dates

Jan 15th (Jan 22nd storm date), Feb 12, Apr 16 and May 14.

ACTION ITEMS

Prepare for next meeting - read current By-Laws which begin on p.14 of the handbook.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Pat and seconded by Margaret.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Velchev