

West Pictou Consolidated School SAC Minutes Nov 27, 2018 4:00 pm

ATTENDEES

Margaret DeYoung, Laura Rowan, Cindy Turner, Michelle Langille, Kim Tetreault, Jenny Velchev, Lynn MacLean, Pat Fagan, Chris Shipley, Kale Shipley
Not present - Rae Gunn

Welcome

Welcome new SAC member Kale Shipley, a new student representative.

Additions to agenda and approval of agenda – Moved by Laura Rowan and seconded by Pat Fagan.
Motion carried.

Question about minutes

Will the pre-primary program be coming to West Pictou next year? The pre-primary program will not be coming to West Pictou, it will either be going to Scotsburn, Pictou Academy or Northumberland.

Approval of minutes from Nov 27th, 2018 were moved accepted by Pat Fagan and seconded by Margaret DeYoung. Motion carried.

School Success Plan and Professional Plan

Oct 26th, 2018 - The Literacy Mentor talked to staff about conventions in a 30-40 minute presentation.

Nov 26th, 2018 - Cindy Ferguson gave a math presentation for effective teaching strategies.

The next PD session will be at the end of January and will focus on modules on literacy and math.

Items arising from Minutes since last meeting

Celtic Family SAC Workshop Nov 20th at NRHS - 8 people attended from West Pictou.

The government contact for the SAC is Chris Boulter.

The issues of volunteers working in the school setting was discussed. How do we monitor how volunteers work with the kids? It was suggested that we can bring up that concern in the online response we are going to submit for feedback on the Supervision of Extracurricular Activities Policy. It was discussed that there is a fine line of not wanting to discourage volunteers with too much red tape, but also making sure that volunteers are working well and positively with the children. The process needs to be smooth to allow volunteers to get involved.

Schedule new meeting date to make new agreement and by-laws (p.14 Agreement and By-laws needs to be done before March). - the sub committee will do up a draft. Members need to read the sample agreement and the old agreement and decide what we want in the new agreement.

NSSAC handbook was passed out and page 32 was looked at, we can expand membership. It was suggested that someone from the municipality would be good to have on the SAC and it was decided that we would approach the Warden Bob Parker, first. If he is not interested, we would then approach the Deputy Wayne Murray. There is room for 1 more parent and 1 more community member on the SAC. Possible names were suggested, and contact will be made.

Survey on school bus service - share on Facebook for parents.

SAC to Community communication - post abbreviated minutes with key points and discussion points on Facebook, website and the newsletter.

Community to SAC communication - through private message on Facebook.

Who communicates with the Centre for Education for WP SAC? The Chair or designated Vice Chair should.

New Business

School Accounts and SAC Funds

Instructional Account ~ \$30,000.00

Fundraising - ~ \$11,000.00

Breakfast program - \$5,000.00 - get more in March

Student Support Grant - \$5,000.00 + \$1.00/student

Funding Parameters - P.42 of handbook. We should not be asked to pay for capital costs.

“Operational” Expenses is the wrong word. We will meet to decide how money to be spent henceforth from SAC funds.

Teachers - what is the process to request money from the SAC? Write a proposal and submit a quote to the SAC, show how it relates to the SAC. Remember that SAC money does not carry over to the next year. At the staff meeting on Friday, the Principal and Vice Principal will tell teachers about SAC funds and bring back ideas to SAC

Home and School Report

Tables were rented for the Holiday Market on November 24 from 9am - 2pm.

Principal's Report

The Christmas concerts are coming up.

The Christmas turkey dinner is on December 5th. 5 dollars for staff and free for all students.

The school is welcoming donations for families in need and will put it on Facebook.

There is a new EA who will be working 5.5 hrs a week until March 31st.

Another EA's hours have increased from 5hrs to 5.5hrs.

Carla MacEachern is retiring Dec 31st, 2018. The new position has been posted.

An update from the Principal Advisory Council, the substitute crisis was discussed, and a copy of the Substitute Status and Plan was handed out and discussed.

Meeting Dates

Jan 8, Feb 12, Apr 16 and May 14.

ACTION ITEMS

Lynn - contact Bob Parker about the SAC

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Chris will approach a possible individual to be a parent representative and get an email address for him if he accepts.

Lynn will send out template of Extracurricular Policy for other SAC members to look at before we submit our suggestions to the Regional Centre for Education.

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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Michelle and seconded by Kim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Velchev