

## West Pictou Consolidated School SAC Minutes Oct 10, 2018 4:00 pm

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### **ATTENDEES**

Margaret DeYoung, Cindy Turner, Michelle Langille, Kim Tetreault, Jenny Velchev, Rae Gunn (by phone), Lynn MacLean, Pat Fagan.

Regrets were sent from Chris Shipley and Laura Rowan

### **Welcome**

Welcome new SAC member Margaret DeYoung.

**Additions to agenda and approval of agenda** – Moved by Pat Fagan and seconded by Michelle Langille. Motion carried

### **Election of Officers**

Nominations for Chair, VP, and Secretary.

Lynn will remain the Chair, Chris Shipley remains as VP, and Jenny Velchev is the new Secretary.

**Approval of minutes from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** were moved accepted by Pat Fagan and seconded by Margaret DeYoung. Motion carried.

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

The report for School Success Plan was handed out. Revised SSP plan. P-8 Report for 2017 - 2018

It was determined that a literacy goal is needed and a draft plan for that goal.

Students' writing conventions need to improve. The high school has indicated this as well. The students' finished writing products don't have conventions done properly. Written products that are displayed have mistakes on them. It was suggested to put that in the strategy.

Cindy met with Literacy Mentor, Patricia, about literacy conventions. Cindy passed out Appendix B - Template for Site-Based Professional Learning Plan. This is the plan for the year for the school which was submitted to the "old board".

The difference between the provincial assessments and the school report cards was discussed. More specifically the question of why the provincial assessments are so low compared to the school report cards for mathematics was discussed.

Sally Steeves is currently running the Pilot Math Program.

**Student Success Plan.** DEEC. The draft SSP was sent to the Chignecto-Central Regional Centre for Education two weeks ago. As encouraged by the Education Centre, there are two goals- Literacy and Mathematics. The inclusion of a climate goal was also discussed. Climate is not a stated goal, but it is important and will be addressed. The school does need to work on the feeling of belonging. Some suggestions included: pride flag and celebrating other cultures. Also, the Sexual Center for Health is coming in to speak to the girls in the school as well as New Leaf and Schools Plus. Chris Shipley and Emmy Tremblay have climate goals written in their plans. There was also discussion of measuring participation in sports and celebrating successes.

### **Last Meeting Follow-up:**

**Outdoor Classroom** - The school is waiting on an estimate for the outdoor classroom and it is going through Operations (Chris Zwicker).

**Update on SAC** - SAC received \$5000.00 plus \$525 (\$1/student) from the Department of Education and Early Childhood. Currently there are no guidelines for the money. The question of whether teachers should be able to request money for projects was raised. It was suggested that the funds should be used to support the SSP. Another suggestion was that a group from the SAC should sit down and decide on criteria for requests for funding. Margaret offered to sit on that group. Rae, Kim and Margaret will create the criteria and bring it to the next meeting on Nov 20 (as of Nov 16 the next meeting will be Nov 27).

Lynn will email Joanne and ask about plan for SAC funds and for Gary Adams to meet with SAC this fall.

### **New Business**

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

The Holiday Market is a go on November 24 from 9am - 2pm. The Elementary Halloween dance is October 25, 2018. Home and School meets this coming Thursday. Heidi Fraser (teacher) is on the Home and School this year. There are 3 new parents and 8 people in total.

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

A new teacher, Sarah Weatherbee, was recently hired to teach grade 6 because the classes were at cap size. Room for the new class was made by eliminating the tech lab.

Due to the increased numbers of students in the school this year, Phys Ed classes have been doubled up. Estimates for a curtain to divide the gym in order to allow classes to run at the same time are being gathered. Many discussions and meetings have been had about this solution.

Next year, West Pictou is eligible to have a pre-primary program. It has been suggested that perhaps Scotsburn will house the program which may be a concern as those students may then decide to stay in Scotsburn and not attend West Pictou. It was explained that services and programs at schools are affected by student enrolment.

UN day is October 24 - the topic is Greening the Blue.

It was suggested that future reports from the School also include celebrations/successes since the last meeting. It was also agreed that the students have a role in reporting as well.

#### **Meeting Dates**

Reviewed meeting dates - Tuesdays. Nov 20 (as of Nov 16 revised to Nov 27), Jan 8, Feb 12, Apr 16 and May 14.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Kim and Cindy - check to see if new meeting dates work with the school schedule.

Lynn - write email to Joanne.

Rae, Kim and Margaret - have meeting about making criteria for SAC fund requests by teachers.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned by Margaret and seconded by Kim.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Velchev