

## **West Pictou Consolidated School**

### **SAC Minutes June 3, 2021 3:30 PM**

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

**Regrets:** none

**Additions to agenda:** Outdoor learning

**Approval of agenda:** Moved by Margaret. Seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

**Approval of minutes from March 2, 2021:** Moved by Michelle and seconded by Kim . Motion carried.

**Approval of minutes for April 6, 2021:** Moved by Wayne and seconded by Margaret. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business/Items arising from Minutes:**

- Washer toss - NRHS said no to providing that to us.
- Update on ELA boost - hired sub to help in half days using SAC funds. Debbie Perrin was hired full time for helping with ELA and continued on during online learning. Provincial funds paid for this.
- Lots of growth in instructional reading levels data.
- A final report on instructional reading levels will be made in June.

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

- Same goals as last year. There are a few new things for the well-being goal involving painting doors with the colour of the LGBTQ flag, painting primary colours downstairs and lots more outdoor education happening.

#### **New Business:**

- MBI results are not available yet.
- Staffing - One teacher retiring this year. Increased staffing.
- Scheduling has changed because of new prep time amounts. Now going to an 8 day cycle with 10 periods a day. Gym time is difficult and many classes will be doubled up. Carry Ann Knowles will become the grade 3 teacher. Grace Thorne is the new learning resource teacher. 4 jobs have been posted.
- Year end - Grade primary orientation video has been sent out to parents/guardians.
- In-house graduations for grade 8 students, class by class in the gym during school hours.

#### **Principal's report:**

- Online learning - more structure this year and it went well this year. Lots of staff involved, EA's and
- 3 to 5% of kids did not have access to internet for online learning and were provided with learning packages.
- We should have a new curtain for the gym by September.
- Michael Bates is getting a metal shed installed on school property most likely by the end of September.
- More custodians have been hired and lots of painting has been done. Lots of colour has been added to the school.
- Good enrollment numbers for French immersion.

SAC Annual Report will be submitted by Lynn.

West Pictou is participating in the Ask program which is a provincial program. It involved including outdoor education in the curriculum. There is a package that comes with it that hasn't been received yet. There is training that is provided for this program as well. This should be added to the annual report.

Outdoor learning - Rae discussed document about the outdoor learning that has been shared with principals and outlines how elementary schools can use \$25,000 to put towards outdoor learning.

Shelter needed for shade for outdoor learning. Trees and plants can be purchased using the \$25,000.

Council members departing - Lynn MacLean and Michelle Langille will be leaving.

**Action Items:**

1. Lynn - add Ask program to annual report.
2. Kim - create google form for staff to add ideas about outdoor learning space design and needs.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jenny Velchev