

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

09 November, 2017

Le Marchant St. Thomas staff room, 4:36 – 5:28 pm

Members Present:

Moira Cavanaugh	Principal
David Jakeman	Chair, Parent
Laura White	Secretary, Parent
Andrew Boyne	Parent
Graeme Gunn	Parent
Emily Thompson	Teacher
Karine Babineau	Teacher
Adele Beaton	Teacher
Claire McParland	Community Representative

Members Absent:

Monica Stoilov	Vice Principal
Nancy Beck	Community Representative

Participants:

Judy Obersi	Parent
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1. Additions to Agenda:

None.

2. Review and Approval of 10 October, 2017 Minutes:

Approved, no changes.

3. Old Business (DJ):

a) SST:

- New school will extend 15' in the north and south directions to accommodate the additional 90 students (up to 5 more classrooms)
- pre-Primary was not considered when estimating the enrollment numbers
- TIR in favour of traffic loop. The SAC and green space committee are not in favour of a drop-off loop.
- going to tender before holiday break
- may be more \$ for play structures due to increased enrollment
- 1 parking spot per classroom will be allotted
- a public info session on the school design will be scheduled

4. New Business (DJ):

a) Selection of Vice-Chair for SAC:

- GG was nominated and accepted the position. All in favour.

5. Administration Update (MC):

a) Theme for November is peace. There is a daily challenge for random acts of peace.

b) Student Success Plan (SSP) – year one of five.

Our math goal may involve problem solving and/or improving communication – to be determined.
Literacy goal to be determined based on trends in teacher observations.

c) School Travel Planning (STP):

-6 people on the committee met in October. All are welcome and encouraged to participate at meetings.

- a hands-up survey is being completed this week to track how many students are walking/wheeling to and from school
- committee will meet again at the end of November (tentative 28th, 29th or 30th)
- students earned extra recess time during iWalk to school week by improving the numbers each day

d) walk-a-thon:

-~\$7k raised plus FeedNS non-perishable donations. Thanks to Mme LeBlanc and the school community.

e) due to ongoing HVAC issues (some classrooms hot, some cold), having one window that will open for each classroom has been requested. This request will be granted by 31 March/18.

f) field: Grades 3-6 are having recess on the field

-Constable Carter conducted a grades 2/3-6 cross-walk safety presentation as the children were observed to be in a hurry to get over to the field at recess.

g) playground: the wooden boarder around the northern playground structure (new school site) is falling apart – maintenance request is in with HRM.

h) community outreach worker Jacobi Cardarelle is assigned to LMST through the SchoolsPlus program. We will call on this program whenever resources are required to address issues and build demand for assigning a guidance counselor to the school. <https://schoolsplus.ednet.ns.ca/>

i) parking lot: for safety reasons, parents/guardians are asked not to drive into the parking lot during drop off and pick up times

j) Remembrance Day: 6 grade 6 students will attend and recite at a service at Camp Hill

k) new Guidelines for School and/or Bus Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather are out. MC will distribute to parent/guardian community via December newsletter and website posting.

l) SAC requested to help shape the future of the HRSB by reading the Strategic Plan and responding to questions by 01 Dec/17: <https://www.hrsb.ca/YourVoice>

m) website has been updated to HRSB template – feedback requested

n) 10 Nov: Remembrance Day ceremonies

o) 22 Nov: PD day

p) 27 Nov: Term 2 begins

q) 01 Dec: Report cards go home

r) 07 Dec: PD day in morning. Parent/guardian/teacher interviews in afternoon and evening.

s) 12 Dec: Holiday concert 6:30 pm Spatz Theatre grades P-6

6. Items moved to next meeting's agenda:

None.

7. Dates reserved for SAC meetings:

-11 January

-22 February
-22 March
-26 April
-24 May

8. Actions:

- a) all: respond to HRSB Strategic Plan questions by 01 December <https://www.hrsb.ca/YourVoice>
- b) look at new LMST website and direct feedback to MC ASAP

9. Next meeting: 4:30 pm on January 11th