

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

02 March, 2017

Le Marchant St. Thomas classroom, 4:38 – 5:51 pm

Members Present:

Jeanne Boudreau	Principal
David Jakeman	Chair, Parent
Judy Obersi	Co-Chair, Parent
Laura White	Secretary, Parent
Nancy Beck	Community Representative
Claire McParland	Community Representative
Gina Jones	Educational Program Assistant

Members Absent:

Monica Stoilov	Vice Principal
Andrew Boyne	Parent
Kim Gallivan	Teacher

Participant:

Graeme Gunn	Parent
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1. Review and Approval of 24 November, 2016 Minutes: no changes

Motion to approve: DJ

Seconded: GJ

2. Additions to Agenda:

a) new Principal selection (DJ)

3. New Business:

a) Naming or Renaming Schools Policy and Procedures

-JB has been requested by her supervisor to form a naming committee per Sections 1.1 and 3.2 of the Procedures. The committee selected consists of GG, JB, DJ and possibly NB.

-LW questioned why it is necessary to implement the Policy and Procedure as we are dealing with a school replacement per the Procedures Section 2.1.2. Renaming a replacement school may be requested of the Governing Board when a school and/or a community wishes to rename it.

-JB will ask her supervisor if the naming committee can pose a yes/no question to the parent/guardian community to determine interest in renaming the school or not (everyone present agrees that the community should be consulted). JB will ask her supervisor to clarify if the Policy and Procedures must be invoked or not.

4. Old Business:

a) Student Success Plan (SSP) (JB):

-On March 7th, LMST's SSP Committee will hold a Meeting to present the Student Support Plan to HRSB. LMST will either be accredited or assigned one more year to meet the requirements of the plan. A new plan with a five year time horizon will begin when this one is complete.

-The 38 page Student Success Plan Summary Report (prepared by KG) has been condensed into a 12 page presentation in conjunction with the oral presentation on March 7th.

b) School Steering Team (SST) (DJ):

-The new school design was rolled out to the community on 15 December, 2016 at Halifax Central Jr. High. There have been no SST meetings since the roll-out. The green space committee has been meeting with some SST members over the last few months.

- DJ was forwarded two new school plan view drawings from an LMST parent this week. These

drawings were produced after the December final school design roll-out. The first drawing indicates while about 2/3 of the paved surface that was presented to the public will remain on the new school site, the number of parking spots has been reduced to 4. The second drawing details the LMST temporary school site with a 46 spot parking lot where the play structures are currently located, and extending south over the current parking lot.

-Our enrollment is 428 children (JB).

-All materials going into the new school will be new (JO/JB). Some electronics will come over from the temporary school, but furniture, books, gym equipment etc. will all be new. We now spend \$2000-\$5000 per year on books.

4. Other Business:

a) new Principal selection:

-JB will be retiring at the end of June. The SAC will have some input as to the qualities desired in a new principal for LMST.

5. Administration Update (JB):

a) PERFORM! has presented drumming music as a part of gym classes.

b) A LEGO play station will be visiting the school after the break (13-17 March).

c) March 22nd is an Assessment & Evaluation Day – no school for students

d) March 23rd - Home & School meeting

e) March 31st - report cards go home

f) Bowling trips, swimming trips and a field day at Conrose field are all on going/being planned as part of the gym class curriculum.

g) Small space equipment has been purchased for the gym.

h) Looking for 2-3 new lunch monitors for 5 hours/week from noon-1 pm daily. The wage is just over \$12 per hour. Child abuse and criminal records checks are required and the cost for these checks may be covered if requested. The position may appeal to students or retired people.

i) Primary Information Night is May 4th at 6 pm for parents of both English and French students. SAC and Home & School representatives will attend.

j) The first of three class configurations go in to the school board next week. There are 46 Primary French immersion students registered and 2 English Primary students registered.

k) A cart and 30 Chromebooks have been purchased for \$11000. We now have 4 carts of Chromebooks.

l) A kidney shaped table has been purchased for each classroom. These tables make it easier for a teacher and student to sit down together to work.

m) Grade 1 and Grade 2 leveled reader books were purchased.

n) Teacher led fund raising efforts will not be held going forward. Bingo and spring fair events may be held.

6. Items moved to next meeting's agenda:

None.

7. Actions:

- a) (from November/16) DJ/All: Update the LMST by-laws such that a parent from the English student body be included on the SAC in time for the next SAC election (September, 2017).
- b) JB will ask her supervisor if the Naming or Renaming Schools naming committee can pose a yes/no question to the parent/guardian community to determine interest in renaming the school or not.
- c) JB will ask her supervisor to clarify if the Naming or Renaming Schools Policy and Procedures must be invoked or not.

8. Next meeting: April 4th 4:30 pm

Meeting adjourned 5:51 pm.