

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

11 January, 2018

Le Marchant St. Thomas classroom, 4:39 – 5:24 pm

Members Present:

Moira Cavanaugh	Principal
David Jakeman	Chair, Parent
Graeme Gunn	Vice-Chair, Parent
Laura White	Secretary, Parent
Andrew Boyne	Parent
Emily Thompson	Teacher
Karine Babineau	Teacher
Adele Beaton	Teacher

Members Absent:

Monica Stoilov	Vice Principal
Claire McParland	Community Representative
Nancy Beck	Community Representative

Participants:

Julie MacLean	Acting Vice-Principal, Teacher
Steve Beyea	Parent

Patrick Moan	Parent, STP representative
Taylor Ranni	Student Teacher

1. Additions to Agenda:

LW - Meeting dates discussion.

2. Review and Approval of 09 November, 2018 Minutes:

Approved, no changes.

3. Old Business (DJ):

a) SST (School Steering Team):

-Traffic loop removed from design. Drop off locations along local streets will be communicated. For example, Siobhan Witherbee (Halifax staff member, STP committee member) indicated that cars may stop on the west side of Vernon Street, but leaving a vehicle parked in this location is prohibited.

-There may be a few more parking spots in the school parking lot to decrease the number of spots required for the Beaufort building annex parking lot, but most of the additional space made available by eliminating the loop will be green space.

-going to be 3 tenders: 1 for foundation, 1 for steel frame, 1 for the rest of the building (no tenders issued yet)- this is unofficial news.

-the public info session on the school design has not been scheduled yet

-the \$5000 budgeted for art for the new school will be discussed again in the future – the communications that Judy Obersi had with artists will be revisited

4. New Business (DJ):

a) Meeting dates:

-LW has a conflict on Th this year, discussed moving meeting days, but not possible at this time

5. Administration Update (MC):

a) Theme for January is gratitude. Citadel High is thankful for the LMST December food donations which will be enough to run their breakfast and lunch programs through February.

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

-Literacy goal: to improve student achievement in reading with a focus on deeper comprehension i.e to analyze, infer and synthesize information.

-Math goal: to improve students' ability to problem solve and communicate their mathematical understanding i.e. to persevere.

c) School Travel Planning (STP):

-The committee met today. All are welcome and encouraged to participate at meetings.

-Natalia Diaz-Insense from the Ecology Action Centre leads the committee. She is in discussion with Wayne Mason (councilor), Halifax traffic and Halifax Police (regarding traffic control, crossing guards).

-A walk-about of the neighborhood close to the school was completed to look at areas of concern indicated on the family survey. The next step will be to have Dalhousie student volunteers collect data on the number of cars and pedestrians at various intersections. This data will be communicated to the Halifax municipality staff to build a case for more crosswalks, stop signs etc.

-Members of the committee are asked to think of ideas for the Action Plan. A form was handed out to SAC members to provide input as well (tentatively due for the next meeting on February 1).

d) school logo contest: student will participate this winter/spring. The SAC may judge the entries.

e) school mascot – a lion was selected. Les lions de LMST Lions – a bilingual word.

f) pizza: Triple A for the remainder of the year

-Any extra money due to snow days will be returned to the school in cash or pizza.

-GG: Suggested doing the pizza orders more than twice a year so that the payment for families is smaller each time.

g) Jan 18: Dalplex outing. Today's swim and gym outing was a success.

h) Jan 26: first Battle of the Books competition at Wozzles

i) Jan 30-31: Discovery Centre field trip for all classes

j) Oval skating outings: for various classes this month

k) Feb 6: Primary French Immersion Information Session 6:30 pm

l) Holiday concert – much appreciated by parents/guardians. Next year will request that a video link uploaded so that the students can watch each other perform. Students may also be able to wait in classrooms rather than the school cafeteria.

m) The School Climate Team is made up of a committee LMST teaching staff. The team promotes pro-social behaviour and the code of conduct for all students in the school. For example, the theme of the month is discussed so that similar topics are being discussed in each class.

6. Items moved to next meeting's agenda:

None.

7. Actions:

a) all: populate LMST STP Action Plan form with ideas before next STP meeting (tentatively February 8)

8. Next meeting: 4:30 pm on 22 February