



## **School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

Meeting on June 23, 2021

### Attendance:

Principal - Dawn Langille  
Chairperson - Rachael McBay  
Teacher Rep - Denise Palmer  
Teacher Rep - Theresa Nickerson  
Parent Rep – Laurie Jay  
Community Rep - Wendy Matheson Withrow

1. Meeting called to order at 5:37 p.m.

2. Staffing 2021-2022:

Dawn shared a staffing report for next school year. EDS will have 7 EA positions, 6 currently filled by current EAs and one position will be posted. There will be 18 homeroom classrooms, down from 19 this year. Dawn shared the teaching assignments. Changes include: Core French position is now shared with Shubie (64% at EDS) down from 100% this year. Guidance was increased from 50% to 100%. French literacy support was reduced and the position was combined with 5% “Added Electives” to retain a permanent teacher. Intensive Math Support was reduced, and position was combined with 5% “Added Electives” and Phys. Ed (35%) to retain a permanent teacher. To cover the increased prep time teachers were given in the last provincial agreement, a 15% “Added Electives” position was added. Teachers who will be leaving us at the end of this school year include Haley MacNeil (Core French), Andrew James (Phys. Ed.), Leanne Standing (grade 3), and Tara Anderson (grade 2). Crystal Randell will be on deferred leave next school year. New teachers to the school in September will be April Corkum (grade 5), Kathryn MacKinnon (“Added Electives” and job share with Denise Palmer), Danielle Gamble (Primary FI), and Cheryl Corbin (Core French).

Wendy asked whether or not the centre for education had a long-term plan regarding increased enrolment due to current and planned new housing developments in the catchment area. She said that the SAC needs to advocate for better long-term planning that takes increased enrolment into account or the school will face problems like portables and over-cap classrooms in the future. Dawn said she will enquire about what the long-term plan is or if there is one.

3. SSP Update:



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Dawn shared that data for Term 3 has been collected. The school is not required to submit a formal report this year due to Covid. Instead, admin was asked to provide a school reflection based on teaching SSP Update cont'd

staff input. The CCRCE-driven Focus on Literacy initiative continued in Term 3. The school was given funds with which to hire subs in both English and French to provide extra guided reading sessions to the students in grades 1-3. This occurred right as online learning started, so it was challenging to implement, but did happen. Dawn reported that although not all students are reading at expected grade-based levels, there was a lot of progress made.

#### 4. New Business

##### a) NTFT Award

Denise shared that the grade 5 students won a national award for their participation in a presentation by No Time for That (NTFT), a non-profit organization focused on bullying prevention, mental health awareness, and youth empowerment. The awards show will be streamed live on June 27 on the NTFT website. Denise had to create a write-up that a presenter will read during the broadcast on what the students learned about bullying prevention, mental health awareness, and youth empowerment all school year and from the presentation. She also created an acceptance video with all grade 5 classes that will be included in the awards show.

##### b) Lego

Dawn shared that Lego could not be purchased with SAC funds as planned, so it was used to purchase teacher laptops and speakers instead.

##### c) SAC Annual Report

Dawn shared a draft version of the SAC annual report with the council. It was reviewed by all. The following additions were made to the section on successes and milestones: mention of the way the school was able to keep connected with the school community during a pandemic, how well the school was able to get devices into the homes of students during online learning, and how well Learning Support teachers and EAs were able to work one-on-one and in small groups with students on a regular basis during online learning.

#### 5. Any Other Business:

Recruitment for 2021-2022 School Year:



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### Any Other Business cont'd

Recruitment for SAC parent and community members was discussed. It was decided that Dawn would add a blurb about SAC membership in the letter that would be sent to all new primary parents and in the end of the year letter to all current parents. Theresa said that a call for members would be put on Facebook in September.

### 6. Input from the public:

No members of the public were present as meetings are closed due to Covid-19.

7. Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. with a back-up date of Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

8. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.