



## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

**Date:** November 26th, 2024

**Members:** Nancy Snow, Erin Morrow, Luke Penney, Joanne Kirkpatrick, Julie Stover, Chantal Pelham-Edwards, Janine McClure, Glenda Rubia, Melanie Ross, Andrea Black, Christina Kempster.

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**1. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Luke Penney welcomed SAC members and called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Julie Stover approved agenda, Christina Kempster seconded.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Approved by Melanie Ross

**3. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- Report was reviewed and no questions arose from it. Please refer to Appendix 1

**4. FBH Student Leadership- Andrea Black**

- Students are in the process of creating a holiday door decorating campaign through an equitable lens. They are also deciding on a theme for Spirit Week which will start on December 16th.

**5. SAC Meeting Dates Discussion**

- Oct 29, 2024; Nov 26, 2024; Jan 28, 2025; Feb 25, 2025; April 29, 2025; week of May 27 TBD (dinner meeting) The consensus is to run a virtual meeting in January.

**6. SAC Funds Discussion**

- There was another discussion around where to spend the \$5775 this year. It was agreed that we should purchase uniforms for the Boys' Basketball team, a few smaller girls' volleyball uniforms, Chromebooks and spend any left over money on the costs for special guests/presentations coming to the school.

**7. Other Business**

- **Cross Walk to Randy's** – Contacts: Lucas Pitts – HRM, Director of Traffic Management, Public works ([lucas.pitts@halifax.ca](mailto:lucas.pitts@halifax.ca)); Crosswalk Safety ([crosswalksafety@eastlink.ca](mailto:crosswalksafety@eastlink.ca)) ; 311 Contact



([contactus@311.halifax.ca](mailto:contactus@311.halifax.ca)) We will draft an email from the school SACs to see where they are with putting the crosswalk in.

- **Parent Teacher Interviews** – In-person for the evening session (Wednesday, Dec 4 from 5–7 pm); Phone calls for the afternoon session (Thurs, Dec 5 from 12-2pm)

#### **8. NEXT MEETING**

- The next meeting of the SAC will be held on Tuesday, January 28th, 2025.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.



## APPENDIX 1

### SAC Principal's Report

September / October 2024

**Opening** – we had a great opening this year – the kids seemed to have settled in very well and are very responsive to the procedures and when we need to change things up!

**Curriculum Night** – The evening was well attended – we didn't have a gathering in the gym at the beginning and parents went right to their first session! A lot of positive feedback was provided as the parents were leaving the building!

**School Photos** – photos have been held along with the retake day – everything went well. Grade 9 photos are scheduled for Nov 26 with retakes sometime in January.

**Terry Fox Walk** – We were able to schedule the walk around our ILT blocks and allowed students in each grade to have their own day/time for the walk on the trail! Students were excellent representatives of the school when on the trail.

**Orange Shirt Day** – was celebrated here on Friday, Sept 27th. Students wore orange to show our support and learn about the impact of the Residential School System in Canada.

**The Cafeteria** is up and running with new menu items! The food looks great with more options available to students every day.

**Randy's Pizza** – Students started going to Randy's the middle of September. Grade 8 students are able to go with parent permission on Tuesday and Thursdays while grade 9 students are able to go on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays with parent permission. We are not allowed to use crossing guards anymore so are having to speak to City officials to put a crosswalk in. Tess (owner at Randy's) has been very involved in trying to make this happen for the students.

**Grade 6 Provincial Assessments** – were held a couple of weeks ago – the students took it seriously and we are looking forward to seeing the results in a couple of months.

**Athletics** – We had a great Soccer season and Cross country was well attended. We are now into Volleyball season with Basketball starting up in December.

**School Dance** – we had our first dance of the year Oct 3 and it was a hit! The kids had a blast as usual and looking forward to our next one in February.

**Drills** – we have had our regularly scheduled fire drills, lockdown drill and hold and secure drill for up to now in the school year. The students have been absolutely amazing during these drills this year.