



School Advisory Council Meeting
October 26, 2020
Minutes

- Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by new chair for this school year; Kate Hendry at 6:36pm

- Approval of Minutes

Minutes of last meeting held in September, 2020 were approved.

- Student Report

Written report was with student representative, Piper, who was unable to attend this meeting. Liam Skinner stepped up to relay students report as best as he could. The students are enjoying the new painted games (4 square, follow me, hop scotch etc.) that have been installed in the parking lot area. Spirit week started today with themes; PJ day, Twin day, Crazy hair day, 80's throw back and black/orange day. Students are adjusting to the mask wearing and finding it easier. Female students have presented concerns with the cleanliness of women's washrooms and graffiti that has been found in those areas. Principal Ferguson will be following up with the day time custodial staff to ensure better practices are in place.

- Principal Report

Terry Fox Run went very well this year with the new method to accommodate safety protocols surrounding COVID. The students went to Met field during physical education class and did the run on the track there. It went very well. While donations were down this year the students did manage to raise @\$360.00 in school and @\$400.00 online. Well done LT!!!

The lunch lady services are back on Thursday of every week and that is going well. As this service has been well received, discussions have begun to look at bringing pizza and popcorn options back to the school community.

Student success planning is ongoing and currently looking at students who need additional supports. As of October 1st, school support teams are rotating between various schools. They are trying to visit two schools in one week, staying at one school for a couple of full days per week.

Staff are looking at possible grants available to the school

Report cards will be distributed in later November. Parent/Teacher conferences will not be in person at this time. How these conferences will look, i.e. phone call/video conference, is still being discussed.

Principal Ferguson along with EPA, Colleen Parsons have met with the African Nova Scotian students at LT to discuss matters that concern them. They have been working with the school clothing line distributor and will have LT Black lives matter shirts available. How this will be rolled out is still in the works. At our previous meeting Kate had suggested donating proceeds of these shirts to local African business to support them but that discussion has now turned to looking at perhaps making these shirts lower priced so more students will purchase and support. Discussion is ongoing.

October is Mi'Kmaq indigenous month. LT's Aboriginal support worker is meeting with students next week. Beginning next Tuesday during the morning announcements, the office will be starting a game show type of question and answer forum on kahoots with questions about Mi'Kmaq History Month.

Students of the Month;

Grade 6 - Ty Faulkner

Grade 7 - Rowan Hartlen, Moriah Aladejebi

Grade 8 - Reece Thompson, Kaden Goyetche, Jesstine Suewirotijanakun.

- Student Representatives

The SAC handbook states that the representatives are from grades 7-12 but under special circumstances Elementary students can be included. As Grade 6's are a part of the LT community and all that SAC does affects them and given the fact that we had a student representative opening for this year we will be looking for a Grade 6 student to join the LT SAC this year. Jennifer made a motion to allow a Grade 6 student to join and Michelle seconded it. All members favoured the motion.

- Cell Phones

Last year staff at LT created a cell phone hotel for classrooms. This hotel has an individual slot for students to put their phones during class time and is number coordinated to that particular student. Cell phone use during instructional time is significant problem at LT this year. Staff would like to make it mandatory for students to use the cell phone hotel to stop this problem. Discussion surrounding this began. With access to lockers and such not available due to COVID safety concerns it was discussed that this hotel plan does not align with health and safety protocols that are in place for this year due to COVID. Students who are posing a problem with cell phone usage during instructional time will be having their phones held in the office during school time instead of mandatory usage of the hotel at this time.

- SAC Grants

One staff has requested the purchase a mimo pad (similar to a smart board) to help with instructional at a distance. They have the opportunity to purchase the demo one which is \$435.00 taxes included. The SAC has \$900.00 available from last year and we will be receiving \$5000.00 plus \$1.00 per student for this year. Both Jennifer and Michelle have indicated that the carry over funds from last year appears much too low. Principal Ferguson

will be looking into this. Jennifer put a motion forward to approve the purchase of the mimo, Kate seconded it. No questions or concerns and all members where in favour.

Discussed purchasing of chrome books to enable all students the opportunity to have their own for use. Principal Ferguson will get quotes for costs.

Kate opened it up for new business. Nothing else was added.

- Meeting adjournment

Kate adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Next Meeting November 23, 2020
Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Roy