

FMEC SAC Meeting: January 15, 2019

Meeting Summary

- 1.0 Call to Order
 - 1.1 Tonia called meeting to order at 11:00 am
 - 1.2 In attendance: Lois Landry, Principal; Tonia Matthews, Parent; Tommy Samson, Community Member; Ashley Stone, Teacher; Lorraine Ferguson, Support Staff
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda
 - 2.1 Tommy moved the adoption of agenda. Seconded by Lorraine. Motion carried.
- 3.0 Approval of Last Meeting Summary
 - 3.1 Ashley moved the adoption of the meeting summary for December 6, 2018.
- 4.0 Business Arising from the Meeting Summary
 - 4.1 We reviewed SAC's To Do List which included all "tasks" identified by SRCE staff and DoEECD for new SACs. (See below). See New Business for this meeting's work: Assessment Policy consultations. Next meeting will be SAC draft document.
 - 4.2 Noted that our School Advisory Council Agreement has been signed by both SRCE and DoEECD and that ours was the first in the SRCE to be formally signed off.
- 5.0 School Improvement Plan Update
 - 5.1 Review of expenditures for SAC funds. We discussed all the funds available to FMEC. Of the considerable revenue available (somewhere in excess of \$20,000), there is currently \$3,500 that is for SACs to spend. There will be another \$1,500 to \$1,550 as of April 1, 2019. It was moved by Tonia and seconded by Tommy that SAC funds be used for the following items:
 - Money to create Chromebook class set and pods (including charging cards and tech boxes)
 - Costs associated with road trips or presenter fees for co-curricular events to support our student success plan
 - Mi'kmaw presentations as part of our student success plan
 - Costs associated with getting iPads fixed
 - Playroom suppliesMotion Carried.
- 6.0 New Business
 - 6.1 Today's action item from SAC's To Do list is to offer opinions on Provincial Assessment Policy. Information provided and preliminary discussion took place. Any feedback should be sent to Lois by noon on Friday, January 18, 2019 to be compiled into a document which Lois will send to Department of Education and Early Childhood Development by the February 1, 2019 Deadline.

- 6.2 Question was raised about FMEC school closure. We discussed issues re: no regulations under Education Act for closure and that FMEC requires 4 to 5 homeroom classes, a play room, and a pre-primary room. Until that space opens up at RECA, FMEC cannot be considered for closure.
- 6.3 Lorraine asked about school assemblies. Ashley will bring that to the staff and discuss. In fact, we'll put SAC issues on each staff meeting agenda moving forward.
- 6.4 Lorraine asked if a library laptop computer could be considered for funding. Since this would only replace the current desktop which could be repurposed, it is not a big expenditure and can be accommodated under the school budget.

7.0 Special Reports and/or Presentations

- 7.1 None

8.0 Public meeting

- 8.1 None

9.0 Meeting Adjourned:

- 9.1 Moved by Tommy that we adjourn at 11:40 am.
- 9.2 Next meeting scheduled for February 19, 2019 at 11:00 am

SAC To-Do Considerations: January 15, 2019

Expression of interest to participate in an in-person consultation regarding improvements to the public school bus system (Due: **January 31, 2019**)

- Government wants to hear from parents, guardians and other stakeholders, including SACs, as it prepares to make improvements to the public school bus system. An online survey was available in November and December for parents, guardians, and educators to provide input. In-person conversations have also been taking place with a variety of stakeholder groups.
- The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is looking to bring together a group of SAC members from across the province to participate in an in-person consultation regarding improvements to the public school bus system. This consultation will take place in late February or early March (**date TBD**).
- SAC members interested in participating are asked to contact Kristen Tynes (Kristen.tynes@novascotia.ca) by January 31. Please provide your name, contact information, and the name of your school.

Application to become the next Parent Rep on the Council to Improve Classroom Conditions (Due: **February 3, 2019**). (Email sent to you from Deanna Gillis, I believe)

- Online application forms available here:
 - **English** - <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/classroomcouncil/interest-interit-parent>
 - **French** - <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/fr/classroomcouncil/interest-interit-parent>
- The successful candidate will be contacted prior to the Council's February meeting.

Assessment Policy Consultations (Due: **February 1, 2019**)

- Working on this today. Information to Lois by noon on **Friday, January 18, 2019**

Bylaws and Letter of Agreement (Due: **March 31, 2019**)

- Done ☺

Extracurricular Policy Consultation (Due: **January 31, 2019**)

- Done ☺

Feedback on Draft SAC Booklet (Due **March 31, 2019**)

- February Meeting Agenda Item