



# SAC - ESDH

Wednesday, April 14, 2021  
6:30 PM  
ESDH- Virtual meeting  
MINUTES DRAFT

Attendees: Natalie Stevens, Clasina McKinnon, Taelyn C., Jacqueline Greenough, Sarah Harnish, Melanie Maclsaac, Kelly Hale, Marlene George, Kent Smith, Sharlene Ellis, Jen Murray

*We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kmaki which is the traditional ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.*

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Welcome

Approved minutes of February 17, 2020

Admin Report :

*Emergency Management Planning/Safety*

- *3 more fire drills in the spring.*

*Covid Planning / Transitions*

- *Future 10s, 11s and 12s are completing course selections*
- *Virtual Q&A as well as information videos*
- *Virtual tours for students transitioning*
- *Supply lists (suggestions from previous year)*
- *Graduation and Prom announcement by Premier (awaiting details/guidelines that may need to be flexible depending on health protocols closer to June)*
  - *Graduation and prom*
    - *More details will be provided as admin receives clarification from EECD and HRCE*
    - *Last day of classes is June 11*
    - *There has been direction given that the community can hold a prom; schools will focus on graduation planning*
      - *The school is working out details on how to host graduation, but as it stands now, it appears that it would work if there was a graduation ceremony held over the course of three days. Students will graduate one at a time. More details to follow as this is worked through. School is working towards a May 1 date to send more information.*
    - *Question posed as to whether SAC wanted to support our grad to help offset the cost to families.*

*Parent Teacher - week of April 19*

- *Mid term reports - April 19 (emails)*

*Schedule changes for 2021-22*

- *Change in role of schedule next year (4 blocks - 2 before lunch, 2 after)*
- *Some yearlong courses at grade 10 level*
- *Decreased enrolment across HRCE at high school (first cohort of primaries graduating who were 5 as of Dec.31 instead of as of Sept 30)*

*SAC funds*

- *Support for grad fees (disposable gowns/stoles, t-shirts plus other expenses depending on the situation of Covid)*

*Items of note:*

- *Looking into trip for 2023 (no penalty/fees but to start saving over longer period to keep within family budgets)*
- *Credit Recovery / Credit Insurance Update*
- *S2 Chromebook roll-out: available to all students for 1:1*
- *Leadership -great project ideas, Community Give-Backs (O2, PDT...)*



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- Leadership class is looking to do a field day instead of ice cream day for end of the year. Also, they are working to help supply phys ed gear to communities in the North who have a difficult time obtaining these things.
- PDT classes are creating picnic tables to help with community endeavors
- Ribbons - commemorating Private Nathan Smith and NS Tragedy
- School Year 2021 – 2022
  - Central office wants all high schools to have the same schedules. This would mean that there would be 2 x 75 minute periods before lunch, and then there would be another 2 x 75 minute periods after lunch. This will be a shift for ESDH.
  - Some courses will be offered as year long courses. Courses being considered for this are English 10 and Science 10. This is as a result of teachers prep time being set at 12.5%
  - Numbers over HRCE for high school are down by 800 students over the entire region. ESDH will be impacted by this number as well as this school is looking at being down by 60 students in the fall. As a result, it would be expected that our FTE will be down.
- Miscellaneous
  - SAC was made aware that there is a possibility of a 2023 Europe school trip (elimination of non-refundable portion to encourage participation once allowed as advanced planning supports family budgets)

### Important Dates

No Classes for Schoons	Thursday, April 22 (morning Staff PD, afternoon Parent teacher)
Fire Drill 4	Week of April 12-16
Fire Drill 5	Week of May 10-14
PD Day P-12	Friday, May 21
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24
Fire Drill 6	Week of June 7-11

According to news release, secondary schools will end a week earlier to accommodate extended graduation ceremonies. This will impact course timelines and exams. More details should be coming soon.

### Student Leadership Report

- Last week of March student council held a spirit week
- Scavenger hunt on the Thursday before Easter
- Hanging ribbons on Friday, April 16 to commemorate Nova Scotia tragedy.
- Spirit Fridays, beginning in May, will soon start to be promoted.
- Looking into what can be done in June to help with school spirit

### Business arising:

- Chair read communications sent to Minister, RED, MLA
  - Regarding new site
  - Regarding review and not wanting that to impact timeline
- Discussion/questions based on the March 31 information session with RED Elwin LeRoux and ESDH & GBJH SACs about new school and role of a Steering Committee.
  - Some members expressed being pleased with the survey putting emphasis on trades, athletics, cafeteria, course options, etc.
  - Point made about this school having already some things in place such as trades, production, phys ed, etc. and stressed the importance of continuing these things.
  - Suggestion made to look at previous designs on other schools to get ideas.
  - Need to identify what is important in the new school.
  - ESDH SAC is eager to start the Steering Committee and moving forward with the new school planning.



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~~Thursday, October 8, 2020~~

~~Wednesday, October 21, 2020~~

TBD – 6 meetings per year

~~November 25, 2020~~

~~January (cancelled)~~

~~February 17, 2021~~

~~March 31 — Information session with RED~~

~~April 14~~

***May (Recognition/Thank you Meeting) Due to Covid Lockdown, date was pushed to June 15, 2021***