



SAC - ESDH

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

6:30pm

ESDH - Room 107

Minutes

Attendees: Melanie MacIsaac, Sarah Harnish, Taelyn C, Kelly Hale, Olivia J, Alex J, Aidan S, Kent Smith, Carolyn Smith, Marlene George, Sharlene Ellis and Natalie Stevens, Clasina Mackinnon.

Minutes approved by Carolyn Smith, seconded by Natalie Stevens

Business Arising:

Update on current work being done at ESDH by Jen Murray.

- Replacement of cistern and pipes connected to cistern have been cleaned as well. Temporary tank is holding water as the replacement tank is installed - this will be removed once new tank installation has taken place.
- Water cooler bottled water will be used in the building until lead testing is done (as per provincial direction/announcement).
- Site selection update - geological testing is going to be taking place at ESDH - Jen will be meeting with the geological testing engineers on Friday of this week. Kent requested an update on the overall progress of the site selection report.
- Electronic report cards - Not able to be left open into July as RCE PowerSchool staff is on summer break beginning in July. (Jen will have a follow-up question about other options that could be considered)

SAC Grant

- Request for AED for our school - Melanie would like to see the government support this purchase in all schools. Epi-pen is available on site. It is purchased out of school funds. Naloxone training was taken by a few staff members.
- A request for SAC funding form was suggested for staff (Nat will get our a form to staff)

Site selection - Kent Smith, Musquodoboit Harbour Chamber of Commerce -shared correspondence from Minister Churchill with SAC.

- There remains some discrepancies about the process should the current site not be approved for new construction in regards to what communication consultation would look like.
- Kent has sent a follow up letter on December 30, 2019. This was shared with SAC.

A conversation came up about safety with heavy construction taking place on an existing school site. Carolyn suggested talking to Musq Rural High as they went through a school built on the same sites should that be the case for the new ESDH.

Student Leadership report



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- Winter formal went well - 150 students attended
- Holiday week before the holiday break
- Grade 9 orientation will have 20 students from council who will be here
- Cupcakes and lip sync battle on Feb 14th
- Environmental action committee - clean up crew
- Will discuss with Connie to discuss using environmentally friendly products for the breakfast program
- Sarah suggested a donation list to the website

Kelly mentioned Environmental action grant as well as a \$5000 grant from the Council for Improving Education.

Admin report - Jen Murray

ESDH Student Success Planning

- To improve student achievement in literacy and numeracy across all subject areas through the use of instructional practices that are informed by Culturally Responsive Pedagogy (knowledge of students' diverse backgrounds, experiences, perspectives and learning styles).
 - *Future Grade 10s - visit to ESDH on January 31 (Thank you to our teacher volunteers and their commitment to our future 10s)*
 - *Chemistry through Fine Arts partnership*
 - *Getting to Know students - Fresh Start Semester 2*
 - *Celebrating Student Success - Awards Night (student voice for new format)*
 - November half-day PD - SchoolsPlus Clinical Social Workers presentation (working with ESDH & MRHS family of schools); FACES (student intervention lists as a whole school); Inclusion Policy guiding principles
 - Building community connections (charity auction, food drive, door decorating)
- To improve student achievement through use and planning around formative assessment strategies.
 - *Mid-year review - planning and feedback*
 - *Skill review conferences with students (English and Math course selections)*
 - Parent-Teacher - encouraging student participation in progress conversations
 - PD for Eng 10; Humanities Dept Head part of EECD forum on Eng10 exam

RSSP: Learning Targets/goals - communicating and reflecting on reaching those goals

Secondary Learning Community for principals

ESDH Leadership meeting and Department Meetings- professional discourse on learning targets

Important Dates:

- Fine Art Night (performance exam)
- Process Exams (phys ed, tech ed...)



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- Exams (NSVS Jan 23) Jan 27-30, 2020
- Assessment and Evaluation Day (no classes for students) Jan 31 **A snow day during exam week would push this ahead*
- First day of second semester for students **A snow day during exam week would push this ahead*
- Report cards February 4-13, 2020
- Curriculum Night - Thursday, February 13, 2020 6:30pm-7:30pm

EMP - Second semester teachers will review procedures with new classes. A lockdown drill will be scheduled in February. Fire Drills will begin again in the spring (3).

Provincial Attendance Policy - new semester; Attendance Incentive (Exam Exemption); Learning Contract doc for educational plan when away 5+ days (March Break 16-20, 2020)

Transportation - still some adjustments happening; communicate with STOCK with any questions/concerns or HRCE Transportation Team

Second Grade 12 assembly - December (Fundraising, important dates, costs); some have met graduation course requirements after first semester.

Upcoming highlights:

ESDH hosting NSSAF Provincial Hockey Championships - Division II (March)

Europe Trip March 15-25, 2020

Disney Band Trip April 7-11, 2020