

SAC—ESDH

DRAFT Minutes -Wednesday, November 25, 2020

6:30 pm

ESDH Virtual meeting

Attendance: Kelly Hale, Sharlene Ellis, Melanie MacIsaac, Sarah Harnish, Marlene George, Alex J, Hart Stoffman, Taelyn C, Natalie Stevens, Clasina MacKinnon

Approval of minutes—motion to pass if no one opposed by Melanie MacIsaac. All approved

Admin Report:

- Third and final fire drill for fall semester occurred during the week of November 9. EMP drills will start again second semester and will include another lockdown drill, a hold and secure and three fire drills.
- All school trips have been cancelled for the 2020-2021 school year
- Covid planning is guided by Public Health. Staff are continuing to work on reminding students to wear masks and to properly socially distance.
- Cafeteria is open again with safety parameters in place.
- Auburn is following the regular school schedule but is doing it online.
- All schools waiting for further direction from EECD as to next steps with regard to Covid protocol.
- Parent/Teacher interviews will be virtual this year. The school and HRCE are working to problem solve there only being 114 lines at the HRCE to accommodate all staff using phone lines for virtual interviews. Google Meet may be an option
- Guidance office and SchoolsPlus has been very busy at this time. The Youth Health Centre with Connie Campbell has been a big absence in our school. The services provided by the center are greatly missed.
- Specialists coming into the building comment on how well staff at ESDH know the kids.
- There is a 'Guys Group' where a specialist speaks with several male students on masculinity, supports and positive conversations to help them navigate their way through high school.
- The school held a virtual Remembrance Day where there was a beautiful online service that was watched by the whole school. A variety of student poetry, artwork and readings helped to contribute to the service and it was concluded by there being a socially distanced poppy ceremony that resulted in a beautiful poppy display.
- Student Council continues to do events that help to build school spirit.
- There will be no sports for the next two weeks as per public health.

- Currently working on an exam schedule. We are working to make it as comfortable for the students as possible with social distancing by using spillover spaces.

Student Report

- Hallowe'en events—costumes, treat bags, decorating
- Working on a food drive for the upcoming holiday season which will have classes working to gather boxes of food (25 items per box) to be donated to food banks.
- Hoping to have food collected by December 14.
- Classroom winners for the food drive could win a pizza party.
- Next week is Spirit Week. There will be a twin day, meme day, school spirit day, jersey day and pajama day.
- Christmas variety show is in the works. Will probably be virtual.

Business Arising

- We, as a SAC have to check emails for draft report of the consultation. Look for it December 7. This report will ONLY be on the consultation on amalgamation of the two schools.
- Student council is working hard trying to raise money for families in need. They are working to coordinate the selling of mugs and candygrams to raise money. The selling of the items will see all sales go to families in need. The money raised will go towards helping all of the feeder communities of ESDH.
- Ms. Watson will coordinate the study blocks for the collection of food for food banks.
- Next meetings have been scheduled on the following dates:
 - January 13, 2021
 - February 17, 2021