

SAC—ESDH

Attendees: Gale Sabharwal, Sharlene Ellis, Amanda Evans, Levi Parker, Hannah McCarville, Kelly Hale, Natalie Stevens, Darah Rivalin, Wally Stephen

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

Approval of Minutes: Sharlene Ellis and Natalie Stevens

Introductions after election nominations/discussions:

- OPA feeder parent/guardian—Kelly Hale (**voted in as new SAC chair**)
- Community Member (Indigenous Voice)—Carolyn Smith
- Staff Member—Natalie Stevens (Registrar, O2 Coordinator, Teacher)
- Staff Member—Darah Rivalin (Acting Department Head, Resource/Learning Centre Teacher)
- Staff Member—Vacant Support Staff
- Student rep grade 10—Hannah McCarville
- Student rep grade 11—Levi Parker
- Student rep grade 12—Alex Johnson
- Community member—Wally Stephen
- GBJH feeder parent/guardian—Gale Sabharwal
- OPA feeder parent/guardian—Amanda Evans

Student Leadership/Activity Report

- Levi Parker spoke about upcoming events such as Hallweek featuring a whole week of decorations, competitions, bake sale, hot chocolate day, etc. He also spoke about the Club Fair in the gym and the positive feedback he had heard from fellow students.
- Hannah McCarville referred back to Welcome Week and spoke of lunch time activities, Spirit Days, Karaoke, Band t-shirt Day, barbeque, etc.

Athletics

- Natalie Stevens spoke to the athletics.
- Co-athletic director with Sean Kent
- Strong start
- Current teams running are soccer, track and baseball (travelling to Yarmouth looking to advance to the next level)
- Basketball starts October 15
- Volleyball starting soon.

Admin Report: Jen Murray

- Review of EMP
 - Reference to recent scheduled and unscheduled fire drills. Both proved successful.
 - The unscheduled fire drill was as a result of heat and humidity in specific area of the building.
 - Lockdown and Hold and Secure completed successfully
 - Finalizing evacuation planning with individual classes
- Enrollment of 313
- Review of supports within the school such as IWK Mental Health, SchoolsPlus, Social Worker, Nurse Practitioner, Youth Health Centre Coordinator, YMCA Career Counsellor, Guidance Counsellor and caring adults within the building.
- Student Council Fee—explanation as to why it is being returned. Spoke to how the school has to be careful as to how the money is spent. Will be using money from Student Support Grant to help offset costs
- Review of SSP goals
 - Importance of knowing students
 - Formative assessment to allow time for deep conversation, spending more time with students to help explain things they are working on.
 - Math 10 discussion regarding the focus on Math 10 academic—where are strength, challenges, etc.. All high schools doing this.
- No exam exemptions as Covid protocols are in place

School Steering Committee starting soon. Initial meeting postponed.

Next SAC Meeting:

- Tuesday, November 30
- January date to be determined (looking at a Tuesday or Wednesday depending on availability of members)