



SAC – ESDH- minutes

Wednesday, October 11, 2023
6:00 PM
ESDH- Virtual meeting

Attendees:

Jen Murray, Sharlene Ellis, Tylan Murrant, Carolyn Smith, Hart Stoffman, Darah Rivalin, Amanda Julien, Melissa Naugle, Jennifer Miller, Ellen Boucher, Pam Johnstone.

Approval of Minutes: Pam Johnstone, Melissa Naugle

Introductions of SAC members and executive

- Invitation sent to SAC members for someone to do the job of secretary and vice chair (anyone interested is welcome to connect directly with principal or chair)
 - Opening for SAC Community Member
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Student Leadership Report—Tylan Murrant:

- Welcome week was held during the week of September 11 – 15. Included in this event were Spirit Days, Schoons Day, Twin Day, Pink Day and Tropical shirt Day. As well, there was a BINGO event, Three Legged Races and a BBQ.
- September 29 staff and students participated in Orange Shirt Day in recognition of National Day for Truth and REconciliation.
- Coming up
 - PJ Day, Friday, October 13
 - Spirit week, October 26 – 31 (PJ Day, Hallowe'en Spirit Days, Costume Day, and Pumpkin Carving)

Admin Report – Jen Murray

Safety drills: 1 Fire Drill (2 to go this fall; 3 in spring), 1 Hold and Secure, 1 Lockdown, 1 tabletop Relocation – (Primary Rink; Secondary MH United Church of Canada); Information shared in messenger to families

Enrolment Numbers: 333 (134 -10) (114-11) (86 -12+)

Supports: IWK Mental Health Team - Rob Bartlett & Miles Rubin (ESDH); SchoolsPlus, FOS Social Worker - Emma Pringle-Boutilier, Nurse Practitioner - Jo McKee on Wednesdays, Youth Health Centre Coordinator - Connie Campbell, YMCA Career Counsellor (weekly) - Dawn Howe-Power, Guidance - Lise d'Entremont, as well as caring adults throughout the building to guide students to various supports if needed.

Student Council fee: Fees have been waived this year due to the Student Support Grants.

Grade 12/Grads:

Had assembly to review post-secondary planning, bursaries/scholarships, prom, graduation; information will be shared with parent/guardians along with Family Information Night on



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November 8 (new date) at 6:30 at ESDH (DATE change due to ESDH Hockey Home Opener on Oct 18th and illness)

Prom: Friday, May 31, 2024

Graduation Day: Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Focus on Student Success Plan goals:

Regional focus:

- Student Success Planning
 - *Math 10 AC – Short Cycle Planning – Getting to know our math learners*
 - *Wellness – Getting to know our Schoons*
 - *Literacy – Short Cycle Planning – Getting to know our Schoons*

Provincial Attendance Policy (overview):

- Message sent through messenger and shared with students that loss of credit due to excessively poor attendance has been reinstated.

On the horizon:

Tuesday, October 17 – Picture retakes

Friday, October 27 - Provincial Conference/Professional Learning for staff (no classes)

Monday, November 13- Observed Remembrance Day (no school)

Week of November 20 - S1 Mid-term Reports will be emailed to families

Wednesday, November 22 -Evening Parent/Guardian-Teacher Meetings (more details to follow)

Thursday, Nov 23 - Morning Professional Learning for staff (no classes);

Thursday, Nov 23 - Afternoon Parent/Guardian-Teacher Meetings (more details to follow (no classes))

Monday, December 4 - Professional Learning for staff (no classes)

Wednesday, December 20 - Last day of classes prior to holiday break

Tuesday, January 2 - First day of classes after holiday break

Tuesday, January 23 - Nova Scotia Virtual Exams (AM & PM)

January 25-30 EXAMS (Schedule to follow)

Other business

- SAC will receive \$5000 for the school.
 - Discussion on where this money should go.
 - ie: set some aside for uniforms for new school?
- Update sent in September about the progress of the new school.
 - Sports field almost done
 - Exterior to be completed by December.
 - Appears to be on track.
 - Anticipated opening of September 24, 2024
 - More updates from Operations on regular basis.

Next Meeting Dates:

- November 15, 2023; December 13, 2023; January 17, 2024; March 20, 2024; May 1, 2024