

Westmount School Advisory Council Minutes of May 30th, 2016 meeting.

Present: Staff - Patricia Tupper, Principal, Catherine Bouliane, Vice-Principal, Ian MacRae and Joan MacNaughton. Lesley MacInnis (Principal as of September) was introduced to the council.

Community Members – Joan Malay and Marie March

Parents – Natalia Diaz-Insense, Chair, Stacie Rimmer and Torquil Duncan

Regrets – Brenda Hawley and Nadine Smillie

Observer – Tonya Malay

2. It was moved by Joan Malay seconded by Torquil Duncan that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

3. It was moved by Joan Malay, seconded by Joan MacNaughton that the April minutes be approved. Motion carried.

4. The Supervisor of Westmount School sent an e-mail to Natalia asked what the school was looking for when getting a new principal and a description of the community.

5. Principal's Report

Activities

Students went to the Film Festival, Sir Charles Tupper's musical and P-2's went to the movie theatre to see some shorts.

Grade 3's completed their Swim to Survive program and Babysitting and Home Alone courses were offered, completed and certificates received.

Multi-Cultural Day was enhanced by having the parents run seminars and was a wonderful success.

Grade 6's is going to St. Agnes on Thursday afternoon, June 2nd, for a visit to the school and the parent's information meeting is that night.

The Spring Fair is set for Sat. June 4th.

Grade 6 track meet is Monday, June 6th; Grade 5 track meet is Tuesday, June 7th.

Grade 4 will visit the library on the Monday, June 6th.

June 8th is bringing your bike to school day. A musical evening will be held also on that date.

June 10th – Talent show after recess and after lunch

June 17th – the last day our students from China will be with us.

June 20th – field day

June 22nd – Grade 6 closing

June 23 and 24th – Grade 6's go to Bayside

June 29th – last day of school until September

School

Classroom data collection in writing and in math for the spring is being collected and sent to me. We will use the information in the Student Success Plan Interim Report which will be written. We are in Year 2 of the process.

The community report will be written soon and published in the fall.

Primary orientation is May 31st along with a parent information session.

There are 55 primaries registered. The latest configuration contains 15 classrooms and 6 combined classrooms

The fire marshall has returned and checked on the items on the list and was satisfied. A letter has been received from the fire marshall acknowledging compliance on all of the citations.

June 1st – Financial audit

Staffing – The new principal in September will be Lesley MacInnis, Primary/one teacher – Janice Chadwick, Learning Center – Christie Chisholm will do Resource and Lindita Walker will be in the Learning Center, EAL – Catherine McCarthy.

Chelsea Hasler & Nikki Pertus. Their terms at Westmount have ended.

Crystal Doucet – job share Grade 3. Julie Doucette will be returning in November from parental leave, Micala MacLean will be teaching ELT next year for 20% so she will have a teaching partner.

A discussion took place because the students are below the board score in 8 out of 12 categories but the average of the 12 is above the board score.

Torquil Duncan agreed to prepare a draft letter to the board concerning the number of split classes presently proposed for September. This would be circulated by June 10th.

Westmount took in 31 new Syrian students. We are very fortunate to have many volunteers to help, a retired EAL helps, we also have an Arabic speaking person and students who speak English and Arabic.

6. Old Business – Long Range plan has been deferred to the fall

7. (A) Amanda Seymour has agreed to be on the SAC effective September. Ian MacRae and Brenda Hawley's terms end. Thank you Ian and Brenda for your contribution over your term. Another teacher will be appointed in the fall.

7. (B) The School Advisory Council Letter of Agreement and By-Laws are up to date. The Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary will be chosen in the fall.

8. Any Other Business – Catherine was asked if any shade is being proposed for the new playground. At present the cost is too expensive.

9. The next meeting is September 26th.

Torquil Duncan adjourned the meeting.