

## **Westmount (SAC) School Advisory Council Minutes September 22nd, 2016 meeting**

Present: Staff – Principal, Leslie MacInnis, Vice-Principal, Tom Cleary, Teacher, Amanda Seymour and Joan MacNaughton.

Community Members – Nadine Smillie,

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

Regrets: Joan Malay, Marie March, Mark Harnish

It was moved by Joan MacNaughton, second motion by Torquil Duncan that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Torquil Duncan, seconded by Amanda Seymour that the May minutes be approved (as amended). Motion carried.

### Principal's Report:

Questions will be addressed at the end of the report.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Very successful introduction to the school year. Students, staff seem to be moving along with a great start.
- There is an “Amazing Staff” to support students
- Welcome to all new staff (Walker, Chadwick, Casey who is here until the end of Nov for Mat leave, Harnish, Clark, Chisholm)
- Class total consists of 15 classes (4 of those classes are splits including 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6 – 3 full primaries
- Provincial assessments will commence for grade 3,4,6 in the first week of October all 3 grades in reading & writing Language Arts. After Thanksgiving the grade 6 classes will also do the math assessment.
- Student Success Planning Goals- we are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of implementation, 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the 5 year plan where the planning of last year is being implemented. Year 1 was a self questionnaire. Year 3 will continue to focus on the literacy goals and math goals established in year 1.
- Community reports posted to on the website soon. Interim report to be shared, reviewed and signed by SAC Chair (Natalia).
- Approved for 9 Lunch Monitors (Nagia, Kate, Mahmuda, Ragag, Melika, Subani, Newest addition is Gol-bibi. Joan to organize locations and class rooms to monitor)
- Student number: 346 students, higher than HRSB long range outlook estimated total of 300, and higher than last years total of 332.
- Classes are all very close to caps, or just slightly over.
- Sept 30<sup>th</sup> PD day will include reviewing and working on achieving Student Success Planning goals.

- DATES:
  - Terry Fox run – Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Curriculum night – Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30
  - Fall Feast- Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

Old Business:

Westmount's Long Range Outlook SAC subcommittee's report was deferred to the next meeting.

Letter to HRSB re SAC grade allocation for 2016/2017

LM indicated that splits will continue at all schools, advises there may not be any action taken if a letter is written, though both LM & TC support the SAC writing a letter addressed directly to Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent, cc'd to Susan Tomie, Karyn Cooling.

Letter to be revised by Torquil Duncan, sent to all within 1 week so everyone can give Torquil their feedback. Once approved the letter will be sent to HRSB. The goal is to have it sent by September 30.

New Business:

*SAC EXECUTIVE (2016/2017)*

Chair to remain to be Natalia Diaz-Insense (Motioned by JM)

Vice Chair will be Torquil Duncan

Secretary will be Amanda Seymour

*SCHOOL DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE - 2016-17*

To remain the same as last year: Torquil Duncan, Nadine Smillie & Marie March

LOA & By-laws revisions / updates (inc. school websites)

To be discussed at next meeting

EAL & IT needs and priorities for 2016/2017

To be discussed at next meeting

Meetings:

We will continue to have meetings on Mondays at 6:00

SAC meeting dates for this school year:

Oct 24<sup>th</sup>

Nov 28<sup>th</sup>

Dec (No meeting)

Jan 30<sup>th</sup>

Feb (No meeting)

March TBD (27th)

April 24<sup>th</sup>

May 29<sup>th</sup> (AGM)