

S.A.C. Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2015

Attendance:

Staff: Patricia Tupper, Catherine Bouliane, Ian MacRae

Parents: Liz Green, Natalia Diaz-Insense

Community Members: Marie March, Nadine Smillie. Joan Malay @ 6:23 P.M.

Regrets: Patti Ginn, Brenda Hawley and Ann D'Eon

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the March and April meeting were approved by e-mail.

Patricia Tupper informed the committee that she had received an e-mail from Patti Ginn resigning as a parent member. The June Westmount School letter would announce the vacancy and a deadline of June 8<sup>th</sup> was decided on for nominees.

A discussion took place of the SAC personal development seminar. Individual members would send their comments to the Halifax District School Board and our board member Cindy Littlefair.

The Education's Minister's action plan will be posted on web-site soon.

The Code of Conduct was discussed. All schools will have same Code of Conduct as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Revisions to the Primary to 3 curriculum will mean more time on language, arts and math. Starting with Grade Primary there will be no marks – just comments.

A new homework policy will be implemented in September. Students will practice what they learned that day.

Torquil Duncan will start in September for a 2 year term as a parent representative to replace Liz Greene. Liz Greene was acknowledged for her years of volunteering at Westmount School.

There will be another vacancy as A. D'Eon's term is up. Marie March has agreed to stay on as a community member.

Principal's report. (insert)

- Grade 3's and ¾ visited the Art Gallery
- Grade 6's attended the Film Festival
- Grade ¾, 4's and 5's attended the musical The Sound of Music at Sir Charles Tupper
- Beginner Band meeting in the evening
- Travel survey home to oldest and only students - 44% returned
- P's, 1's, 2's and 3's attended Stranger Danger with Cst. Stacey Opalka

- Grade 5's went to the Symphony to take part in Linked In with their recorders
- String Night at the Forum
- staffing allocations were sent to schools 14 classrooms, .7 French, ELT, music and gym, 1.0 Resource and LC, .3 art, EAL teacher based out of Wmt.
- LC teacher, Therese MacDonald finished and Sheila Campbell started
- Jenny Keenan will be out to the end of the year. Emma Kozik is replacing her
- We advertised 3 permanent positions: grade ¾ Julia Blandford, French Gabrielle Finlayson, EAL circuit Melinda Davis
- Bayside Grade 6 parent meeting 6:30 in the Library
- Boy's Honour Choir got a Gold Standard in the National competitions in Toronto
- SAC PD at Halifax West
- Grade 6 transition meeting at St. Agnes
- School Based PD refined our plan to include details of school climate, and how we will include SAC, parents and the greater community in our plan
- We discussed lessons learned from the Grade 6 assessment and Leanne Brownell, EAL teacher presented strategies to support or EAL students
- Skipping club is finished for the year
- Parent Meeting for next year's new primaries WSA and SAC represented
- Multi-Cultural Day
- Grade 6's went to Track and Field today

There was no WSA report. Sat. May 30<sup>th</sup> will be the spring fair.

The next meeting will be September 28, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned by Nadine.