

WESTMOUNT SCHOOL - SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by the Chair Natalia Diaz-Insense.

1. Attendance: Natalia Diaz-Insense, Stacie Rimmer, Torquil Duncan - Parents
Nadine Smillie, Marie March – Community Members
Catherine Bouliane, Ian MacRae, Brenda Hawley - Staff
Observer: Trish Mosher
Regrets: Joan Malay and Joan MacNaughton
2. The agenda was approved as circulated.
3. Acting principal Catherine Bouliane and the chair welcomed the new members Torquil Duncan and Stacey Rimmer.
4. The May minutes were approved as amended. Moved by Nadine Smillie, 2nd by Marie March.
5. Old Business, Torquil Duncan and Stacey Rimmer will fill the 2 parent vacancies, Joan MacNaughton will replace Ann D'Eon as staff.
6. (a) Natalia Diaz-Insense was acclaimed as chair, Marie March as secretary.
(b) The school discipline committee will be Marie March, Torquil Duncan and Nadine Smillie.
(c) The proposed dates for the SAC meetings are: Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30, Jan. 25, Feb. 29, Apr. 25 and May 30th.
(d) Website – The upkeep of the website will be by Miss Seymour. Word Press in the type of website. Miss Seymour will be asked about a website update for Iphone and Ipad. The SAC committee members will be put on official messages to parents. The Letter of Agreement dates of committee member terms was updated.
(e) There will be a SAC PD Day on October 22nd – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. If you are interested please notify Catherine Bouliane.
(f) A discussion took place concerning a new food provider as Deli Green has ceased operations. It was moved by Torquil Duncan, seconded by Brenda Hawley that we accept the recommendation of Catherine Bouliane and Ann D'Eon that Dinner Envy be the new food provider.
(g) A copy of the homework policy was distributed.
(h) A copy of the Code of Conduct was distributed.
(i) A discussion took place on class parents. It was decided to keep the status quo.
7. Principal's Report:
 - Start up very smooth. First two days were Organization Day and Professional Development
 - We started our work on our two goals: A writing goal for Literacy with attention to organization of ideas and conventions, Math: Problem Solving and Communication with Operations
 - Staff and Configurations as of September 24th
 - Primary Gibson Deanna Gibson 21 students, P/1 Boudreau 10 Primary, 9 1's, 1/2 Higgins 15 1's/5 2's, 1Mullenger 22, 2 Hawley 21, 2 MacLean 22, 3 Blandford 22, 3 Hasler 23, 3/4 Doucette 5 3's/19 4's, 4 Seymour 23, 5 MacRae 19, 5 Totton 20, 6 Bouliane/Doucet 22, 6 Fougere 24

- Music Mr. Cochrane and Mrs. Poitier-Jones, PhysEd Mr. Walsh, French Mrs. Gabrielle Finlayson, Art Jenny Keenan, Ms. Cochlan Resource, Ms. Chisholm Learning Center, Ms. Dietrich ELT, Ms. Hawley 20% ELT, EAL teacher Shelley Manthorne, Ms. Lavers Librarian, Violin Ms. Pecknold, Band Mr. Burke, Cello Ms. MacLean , Head Lunch Monitor Joan MacNaughton. 7 EPA's this year.
 - Excel Head Roy Shitangsu, YMCA Immigrant Worker Natalie Putnam.
 - New configurations go in September 30th
 - Medical: We have two high needs: One with food allergies and one boy with Hemophilia staff, students and lunch monitors are aware.
 - Sept. 10th We had our stand up to bullying day individual classrooms did things in their classrooms and bracelets distributed to all staff and students
 - School Photos were taken on the 16th
 - 25th Terry Fox run two groupings watched video and walked out and about. P-3 and 4-6
 - Provincial Assessments started today and Tomorrow Grade 3 Reading and Writing, Wednesday and Thursday Grade 4's will do Math, and Friday and next Monday-Thursday Grade 6 will do Reading, Writing and Math
 - Clubs have started Mad Science, Bricks for Kids, MusIQ, Cross Country,
 - To come Multicultural Club, Spanish Club, Making Tracks (Biking), Intramurals
 - Ms. D'Eon and I met with two companies about supplying lunches to our students as discussed above Dinner Envy and Tiny Feasts Chadwich
 - Milk Program gone
 - Class Parents: As discussed above. Staff would like to keep status quo
 - Code of Conduct, Homework Policy, and Fees Policy as discussed above
8. There was no WSA report.
9. AOB – nothing
10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m by Marie March. The next meeting is October 26th, 2015.