

# Musquodoboit Rural High School

## SAC Meeting Minutes –

### **Attendance:**

C.Steele Wood, Joanne Rushton, Angela MacKenzie, Ann Warburton, Meagan McCurdy, Tia Abdel Massih, Debbie MacDonald, Andrea Payne, Rob Smith, Sharon MacLeod, Sharon Arsenault, Melissa Bonnell

Regrets: Ernest PAddock, Adrienne Redden

### **Call to Order: AW 3:30om**

### **1. Approval of Minutes:**

Meeting minutes and seconded Approved CSW, seconded AM.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Meeting Agenda approved RS and SML

### **3. Student Council: TAM and MMC**

Looking to increase school spirit, engagement and participation in student programs

- May 3rd Carnival date proposed - Action to meet with JR for details and approval
- grade 12 gift card tree planned for Grad
- Dance March 8 - barely broke even

Question from CSW - How is SC doing?

It was reported that changes need to be made and accountability and interest need to increase.

Action- students will call a meeting and lay out the details and expectations and planning Carnival

### **5. Chair's Report: AW**

No News to report

### **6. 02 Report: JR**

- The Trade Hall trip was well attended, students had good engagement and manners
- Applications are due on March 28 and interviews will take place Mid-April

### **7. Principal's Report- see attached**

## **8. Unfinished Business:**

- SA reports that Caroline Emma and Sharon attended Peer Mentorship training and there is no template or type of support as originally anticipated. We will wait and discuss this with YHC in May.
- AP reports fundraising for uniforms has been secured. The total required is 18378.63, currently 15434.00 secured
- Marathon is a no-go for right now
- Innovation Grant for \$10,000 - reference SCA store, make Space and will have a lasting Impact
- AW - NB\* We have not yet spent the SAC money, what can we do to support the SSP? Preferably to support academics, not wellness. - Can we ask the teachers?
- SML asks, "How can we ramp up writing in schools?" Can we look into the "Writers in Schools" that used to be connected to the Writers Federation? Action- SM to confirm when this is available.
- Community Clean-up Day is coming up - will touch base with Ms Murray to see if Agri 11 will be participating.
- AW has sent Volunteerism and Job Opportunities to AM in an email for students
- SA reports PAUSE for Wellness has changed Wednesdays to better accommodate school programs.

\*\*\*The meeting was adjourned 14h16.

Submitted by,

C. Steele Wood

March 20, 2024

## **O2 report**

**Community Based Learning 11 class trip** - moved from Feb. 28th to March 6th - Trades Exhibition Hall, Ragged Lake

The students got the opportunity to try out different jobs, including brick laying, spray painting etc., with retired trade professionals. The best part of the trip was the response from Trades Hall. They praised our students for their level of engagement and good manners.

## **Currently setting up O2 Co-op placements for Semester 2.**

Mr. Brodin was finding it particularly challenging to place two students interested in doing law related work. This was primarily due to confidentiality concerns. However he was successful in arranging a placement for them with the Truro Chamber of Commerce. He is pleased as this looks very promising.

## **O2 Applications for current Grade 9 students:**

O2 applications will be distributed to interested grade 9 students on Tuesday, February 27th and available for pick up from Ms. Mackenzie after that date. O2 applications are due on March 28th. The O2 applications will be reviewed the week of April 2-5 and O2 interviews will take place during the week of April 8-12.

## **SAC- Principal Report**

What's been happening at MRHS:

- Course selection process will begin very soon, updates and any important information will be sent home in the coming weeks.
- **Pause for Lunch** continues at lunchtime in the SchoolsPlus room, planning to have this 1-2 times per month.
- Our Learning Centre students had an amazing experience at the Unified Basketball tournament at HERH a couple of weeks ago and are heading to another tournament Thurs. March 21st at SCA.
- JH report cards are being distributed on April 3rd & SH reports on April 16th.
- April 15th- Grade 7 Immunizations are taking place at MRHS
- April 18- PD in the morning & P/T interview in the afternoon and eventing
- Transition planning is happening soon with feeder schools for Grade 6 transitions (early-mid May)
- School Musical happening in mid-May; we are taking ~200 students to watch at Bicentennial theatre
- Graduation fundraising is underway to cover graduation and prom fees and signs for the square.

## **Student Success Planning (SSP): Short Cycle Planning**

**Mathematics:** We will improve student achievement in mathematics, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

### **Targeted small group/Tier 2 support**

Small group/Tier 2 instruction will:

- Be provided to small groups of students who are unsuccessful with Tier 1 instruction alone.
- Will be frequently monitored to ensure the intervention is being successful.
- Will occur in the pod within the classroom or within another classroom nearby depending on the size of the group.
- The resource teacher who supports in the classroom offers the Tier 2 support 3x per week.

### **Math extra help:**

Lunchtime with Ms. Isenor for **Junior High** -Tuesdays & Thursdays

**Senior High**- By appointment with their teacher at lunch time

**Literacy Goal:** We will improve student achievement in **literacy**, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

Next steps: **Students will build vocabulary and sentence structure while implementing transitions.**

**Well-Being Goal:** We will improve student well-being, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

Strategy 3: Create a welcoming environment:

**We are looking to make the school feel a little more welcoming. We are in the process of looking into adding some murals in the building, like the main entrance and also in the gym. As well looking to add some more furniture such as benches, couches and plants & trees.**

J.Rushton