May 8, 2024

Musquodoboit Rural High School

SAC Meeting Minutes –

Attendance: J. Rushton, A. MacKenzie, , A. Warburton, M. Bonnell

A. Payne, S. Arsenault, E. Paddock S. McLeod

Regrets: T. Abdel Massih, C. Steele Wood, D. MacDonald, R. Smith,

Call to Order: 3:31 pm AW

1. SAC Chair report: AW

-Contact from HRCE , Susan Tomie indicated that we wouldn’t know about grant money until June.

- Thought Exchange program regarding cell phone use in schools. There will not be follow up info until the summer. If schools were able to make their own plan that worked for each school, SAC would support that.

-Developing a Regional SAC – Anne and Melissa are interested.

-Ms. Rushton confirmed that SAC minutes are posted on the school website.

-Anne is interested in working on communication with Parents/Families from SAC

2. 02 Report (see below)

3. Principal’s Report (see below)

-Parent Teacher in April –attendance was down, but typical for spring parent teacher

-Upcoming Musical May 16th-18th

-Pause for lunch continues. This is an opportunity for students to make healthy recipes and eat the results.

-Schools Plus are implementing a cooking club in May. Grade 7’s and 8’s get to sign up.

-Learning Centre students are heading to unified Basketball tournament on May 29th.

-Transition Planning for grade 6’s will take place on May 23rd (Grade 6 Orientation)

-Bags for Grade 6’s maybe available to give out to new students in September

-Grad fundraising is complete. Enough money for grads has been raised for this grad class.

-Swag bags for grade 12’s will be sent in the direction of the new Youth Health Center Coordinator when she starts at the end of May.

-Upcoming Dates: June 6th –Awards Night

June 13th- Junior High Semi-formal

June 25th –Senior Prom

June 27th –Graduation (10:30am)

\*RCMP sent a note to grads regarding burnouts. RCMP will potentially be issuing tickets if this happens this year.

4.SSP:

-Math Department – Math coach was in to work with Ms. McInnis, Mrs. Isenor and Mr. Li.

Students are measured by a mark of 65% in Math 10 and must be over that mark.

In grade 8 the benchmark is 70%.

Language Dept – Focus on writing for short cycle planning. Focussing on vocabulary and comprehension goals.

Well-Being Goal-Working on making school space more inviting. Murals in gym and outdoor classroom are two of the plans.

5. Peer Mentorship- Sharon A.

Follow-up workshops in this area. Emma is going to this workshop for training. Emma and Caroline (Schools Plus) would like to join SAC

6. Fundraising Efforts – Andrea P

-All monies are supposed to be in. Waiting on one business for $500. This is the money for team uniforms.

-Marathon still under review. Unsure of the outcome due to insurance stipulations.

7. SAC Money

-Mr.Perrin has requested some math and chemistry supplies and Helen requested some bulletin boards.

-Ms. Rushton will email SAC with list of what money was spent on.

-Mr. Smith wants to do an Education Civique project with his class making signs that represent the different areas our school community is comprised of.

-Awards night food to be catered.

-Looking at having just cake for graduation.

-We will have a bbq for the grads on the day they come to rehearse on the stage.

-Grad class banners to be hung in the square.

Next meeting – June 4th Social year end wrap up!

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**O2 report**

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

The O2 class has been selected for the 2024-25 school year.

Grade 10 O2 (CBL 11) Students went on a field trip to the Trades Exhibition Hall where they participated in trades ranging from pipe fitting and brick laying to boiler rooms and excavating.   They attended a general trades presentation from Skills Canada.  Most recently, students have begun their three-day job shadow experience.  These include shadows with a wide range of occupations including Fundy Vets, Oceanside Aviation, Career & Experiential Learning (Psychology), Parts For Trucks, Renew Health Clinic, Worldwide Thermal Solutions, East Hantz Art Lessons, LSK School, and a behind the scenes tour for two of our students at Hope For Wildlife (and more).

 Everyone is now properly placed at their Co-ops. The only event coming up is Doug Allen's (paramedic) visit next Monday (May 13).

**SAC- Principal Report**

What’s been happening at MRHS:

* April 18- PD in the morning & P/T interview in the afternoon and evening. Seemed to be a little lighter in attendance this time around.
* School Musical- we are taking ~200 students to watch at Bicentennial theatre on May 16.
* **Pause for Lunch** continues at lunchtime in the SchoolsPlus room, planning to have this 1-2 times per month.
* The Schools Plus team has implemented a cooking program at lunch time.The program is called the “Make, Bake & Take” cooking club and will run over 4 lunchtimes/Tuesdays in May and partly into the class period following lunch. The students involved will cook a recipe, enjoy it for lunch, and then go home with a kit of ingredients to make the same meal at home with/for their own families. Emma went around to all grade 7 and 8 classes with a sign up sheet, then made groups based on that. Everyone who signed up gets to go at least once and then we had a few spots left over on the final week and drew names for the students who wanted to attend to fill the last spots.
* Our Learning Centre students are heading to another Unified Basketball tournament on Wed. May 27th  at Sackville High school.
* Table Tennis has been in full swing with Regionals being held at MRHS last week. Some of our students are heading off to Provincials this weekend in Cape Breton.
* Also Track and Field districts are happening this week with 30 students heading to Stellarton on Friday/Saturday.
* Transition planning is happening soon with feeder schools for Grade 6 orientation day is May 23 at 1pm. The Grade 6 students will visit for the afternoon and head home on the school buses from MRHS.
* Graduation fundraising is complete. We raised enough to cover all graduation and prom fees, the cost for the signs for the square and a grad hoodie for all grads free of charge.
* Upcoming important dates:
  + Thurs. June 6th - MRHS Awards night
  + Thurs. June 13th - JH year End Semi-Formal
  + Thurs. June 25- Senior High Prom
  + Thurs. June 27 @ 10:30 am - MRHS Graduation (\*see attached letter)
  + Friday, June 28- Last day of school

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

**Mathematics: See attached.**

**Literacy: See attached**

**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:

There have been some major updates to the fitness centre through a grant from Sheamus Downey and efforts by Ms. Harnish and her grade 12 class. Next steps include murals on the gym walls (rumour is that a repaint in the gym may happen first this summer).

At the last PD, teachers expressed an interest in an Outdoor Classroom.

**Still looking to add some more furniture such as benches, couches and plants & trees. Made contact with a sales representative and hoping to finalize some details soon.**

J.Rushton