

Student Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes
September 22nd, 2016

In attendance: Andrew Dickinson, Denise Dickinson, Sue Stevenson, Karlene Morris, Emma Trottier

Call to Order: Andrew Dickinson called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

New Business

1. New Members

- The council is looking for new members, as the community and parent representatives from last year's council have resigned. Possible members for the council were brainstormed and will be contacted.

2. Principal's Notes

- As a result of cutbacks for the school, our administrative assistant has lost about 3 hours of work time each day. The teachers have been trying to help in the office as much as possible to compensate for the cutbacks.
- The letter of agreement will be drawn up and signed at the next meeting.
- A data review for school climate, as well as a review of student achievement at the provincial, board, and local levels has been completed.
- The Nourish Your Roots fundraiser is currently taking place with the money being raised going towards our breakfast program. The school would like to advertise the fundraiser on the radio, on TV BINGO, and in the local paper in hopes to increase the number of boxes we can sell.
- Communication with the community is to be increased this year. Ways to do this would be creating a Facebook page for the school, making the school website easier to navigate and find information on, and trying to have an open house for the school although this hasn't been successful in the past.
- The school has new Student Success Planning (SSP) goals this year regarding "Literacy and Numeracy" which will be in place for the next 3 years.
- We will be working on school-community partnerships this year which will involve the O2 program, COOP 12, fundraising initiatives, projects with art and music, and various special events.

3. School Update

- Teachers returned to school on September 6th to prepare for the new school year, with students returning on September 8th.
- Teachers are now assisting with more office work, and dealing with discipline issues in the classroom as they see appropriate to compensate for cutbacks to the staff.
- The school received a PDAF grant for \$5000 to purchase Fitbits for grade 8 students to track their healthy living habits. This project will also involve Pre-Calculus 12 students, who will analyze and graph the data collected. It was discussed that the student could possibly take the Fitbits home to get a comprehensive analysis of their fitness levels. This would be subject to parent/guardian consent.

- There will be new PGAP goals developed for the year, which teachers are currently working on.
- The Stand Up. Speak Out. event was held on September 15th. We watched a portion of the live feed from Oxford, but because students were not interested in the video feed, our student council took over the assembly.
- The school went to see the play at the Ship's Company Theatre, however there was some negative feedback from the students.
- Students in grades 11 and 12 attended the Energy Symposium to learn about opportunities in this industry for the region.
- The dance will be held on the 28th of this month
- Picture day will be on October 14th.

4. Student Council Update

- We are hosting a dance on September 28th with a portion of the admission costs going towards the Kid's Help Phone.
- We are having a spirit week from October 3rd-7th including the club fair on the Wednesday of that week.
- We had a successful Stand Up. Speak Out. assembly, including an activity and students sharing what was in their "backpack"
- We will soon have each grade vote for their representative and meet with the full council.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:00 p.m.