

**Chedabucto Place
School Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes January 19, 2021**

Attendance: Noor Mohrez, Jake Grady, Mandi MacLennan, Heather Manuel, Angie Tavares, Allison Grady, Barbara Avery, Patsy Borden, Tera Dorrington, Peter Lombardo

Regrets: Tonya Pelly, Colleen Pelly

1. Call to Order/Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 2:48 PM by Angie Tavares.

2. Welcome

3. Approval of Agenda. Heather/Peter.

4. Approval of Minutes. Allison/Barb.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

- Mandi showed a draft of the Jackets we are purchasing for the SAC.

6. New business

6.1 Barb Avery presented the Principal's Report

- Student Success Plan changes presented, as well as updates regarding it. The three goals for the SSP are as followed.
 - Improve student achievement in literacy
 - Improve student achievement in mathematics
 - To foster student well being through the creation of positive, safe and inclusive learning environments.
- Goals from last year's SSP will be looked at and SAC will be updated as things follow.
- Reflection activity was done with staff to look at what school can improve on, and what worked well through the school year. A few subjects discussed include:
 - More teaching on how to use technology for productive learning, especially at junior high level.
 - Guided writing as an extensions of guided reading.
 - Revisit any goals staff didn't get to look at as the school year ended abruptly last year.
- Staff working hard to put materials together for students in the occurrence we move back to online learning due to COVID-19.
- New shipment from SRCE of 60 Chromebooks received. Now we can have assigned devices for grades 1-12 and are looking to get 20 more to finish off grade Primary.
- Professional Development week conducted and greatly appreciated by staff.
- "Amazing Race" Exam prep activity went very smoothly, even following Covid Protocols.

- Working with MODG recreation department developing plans to utilize CLC skating surfaces to get student outside during winter months.
- Planning activities for family literacy day.
- Sr Boys Basketball is practicing again, with COVID protocols and holding off playing games until further notice.
- Exams coming up this month.
- School pictures for all grades approved, will be taking place Feb 4th and 5th.
- Report cards for grades 9-12 going out February 10th.

Principals Report Approved. Heather/Allison

6.2 ACHFC Update

- Amazing Race was held Jan 14th and 15th, scaled back due to COVID but still a success as students enjoyed it. Schoolsplus was involved in the planning as well as teaching staff.
- Cindy Worth and Amanda Miller put together exam stress packages for highschoolers.
- Martin Luther King Day presentation conducted by Nathan Sparks. Kwansa presentation also held for elementary students.
- We don't know what African Heritage Month will look like for the Centre this year due to COVID protocol. Patsy working on setting virtual presentation if needed. Activities will still take place within school virtually.

ACHFC Update approved. Peter/Barb.

6.3 Applications for funding

- **Levelling the playing field:** Jim Keay requests to get extra equipment for Phys Ed activity, to get kids out of the classroom more, and interact in a positive environment, to help them achieve success.
 - Patsy made motion to approve grant/ Heather seconded. \$1559 Granted.
- **Cultural and Equitable Resources (Mi'maq and indigenous Peoples):** Christie Dort requested the we add more equitable and cultural resources to classroom games and books library.
 - Peter moved to approve grant. Seconded by allison. \$683.78 granted.
- **Family Literacy Day Contest:** Mandi MacLennan requested in addition to the regular school activities showcased for Family Literacy Day, this year we extend the celebration into homes by offering a contests that encourages families to do literacy activities at home, sending photos in and being entered into a series of draws for prizes.
 - Heather moved to approve motion/Peter Seconded. \$250 granted.
- **Add-On Subscriptions for Raz Kids:** Mandi MacLennan requested that we upgrade our Raz Kids subscription to include writing A-Z and Reading A-Z material.
 - Allison moved to approve grant/Heather Second. \$210 USD granted/

6.4 Family Literacy Day

- Theme of day is 'Travel The World Together' January 27th
- Contests being held.
 - Photo Contest
 - Poster Contest

- Photos, read alouds, interviews, stats, etc will be put into a video.
- Independent Reading.
- ABC Travel game.
- Bookmark craft
- Guest Reader

6.5 Requests/Concerns from Parents/Community

- Concerns about child trafficking being on the rise in Nova Scotia. Wondering if students are getting enough education about the matter and how to stay safe.

6.6 Requests/Concerns from students:

- More hot/filling breakfast at breakfast program. Students miss bagels, toast, muffins, etc.
- Grade 12's want more updates on how prom is being planned and if/how it will be conducted this year. Angie at CLC offered that recreation would be able to help in anyway possible.
- Students would like to be able to spend more time outdoors this year.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 by Heather/Noor

8. Next meeting February 16, 2021.