

Halifax Central Junior High School Advisory Council Meeting – 14 January 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by council chair, Ann Mann

Members present:

Chair Ann Mann
Robert MacMillan
Daniel Campbell
Mary Ledger
Mairi Carver
Jonah Larsen
Patrick Fraser
Linnea Sinclair
Laura Whittaker
Jane Grantmyre
Pearl Michael

Members not present:

Pat Hunson

Guests:

Reading of Agenda

Reading of agenda. Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from November 17, 2014 approved.
- Minor adjustments made

Business

- Principal's Report
- Some staff attended PD session on evidence-based decision making at school board office.
- November 28 – 20 students, Mrs. Hunson and Mr. MacPhee attended We Day.
- December 2 – Holiday concert.
- December 3 – School attended performance Christmas Story at Neptune Theatre.
- December 11 – Report cards went home with students. Semi-formal dance that evening.
- February 17/19 – The next dance being organized by the school's leadership committee.
- Installation of School Health Centre/Student Engagement Centre.
- Christine Preston (school's health nurse) introduced herself to students by visiting each of the classes. She is at the school on Fridays.

- December 8-12 – Very successful 5 Days of Giving.
- LW – Should there always be a reward/incentive for activities like this? Acknowledgment instead?
- RM – Can students canvas their peers to get feedback on rewards/incentives?
- January 5 – Classes started back after holiday break.
- Students' Report
- PF – No complaints.
- LS – Water fountain near the art room does not always work. Disposal bins for female sanitary products in the girl's locker room needed.
- JL – There are no screens in some of the classroom windows, particularly the second floor windows.
- MC – Students would like to have mirrors in the locker rooms. Automatic paper towel dispensers in the locker rooms? Large hole in the ceiling in the female bathroom on the first floor.
- Teachers' Report
- Entrepreneurship Fair preparation underway under the guidance of Ms. Comeau and Ms. Maddelena.
- Ms. Keefe has returned.
- Harassment Policy
- HRSB is looking for feedback on this draft policy.
- Important that we take some time and review policy and provide feedback.
- Staff review the draft policy for the next meeting so that we can provide feedback to the HRSB before the deadline (Feb. 27).
- Grade Nine Trip Update
- Grade Nine Trip Parent Fundraising meeting had very small turn out (four parents, Mr. MacPhee, Ms. Reinhardt and Ms. Ledger).
- Fundraising ideas decided.
- Band Trip
- First three days of May.
- Looking into the possibility of attending a live theatre event during the trip. This has brought the price up to \$160.
 - Other business
 - Next meeting on February 18, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm