

# Halifax Central Junior High School

## SAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Regrets: Jack Baker, Kayleigh Dunphy, and Brian Mrezar.

### **Mr. MacMillan: Principal's Report**

**Fire Management Protocol:** The fire marshal recently completed a full audit of school. Have until Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> to comply with fire safety orders. Idea that came up during report: Fundraiser to sell/win banners in gymnasium if they must be taken down due to fire safety protocols.

**Student Success Plan:** Lisa Daniel is working with PLC groups to aim to have all students meeting expectations (3s).

**Guest Speaker: Jacob Deng:** Jabu Deng's dad, Jacob, was in to present to and inspire students. He is Minister of Sport, Education, Culture, and Youth. Lots of technological donations were received after the presentation. His presentation was aired on CTV News.

**Professional Growth Plans:** Teachers have finished their professional growth plans and consulted with principal concerning their goals.

**Technological Surprise:** Chromebooks were given to staff members as a resource which they will make good use of in their classrooms. Chromebooks allow for easy access to all needed Google programs, including of course Google Classroom, which is used very often for posting class notes and assignments.

**Professional Development Day:** On October 28<sup>th</sup>, teachers attended various professional development workshops in their subject areas or preferred areas of focus to support teaching practice.

**The Halloween Dance:** This took place on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. Great attendance. Students enjoyed themselves and a lot of positive feedback was given.

**Take Our Kids to Work Day:** Grade 9s attended workplaces on Nov. 2nd. Isobel and Cait went to CBC and Emerson went to Dalhousie Legal Aid.

**IWK Career Fair:** The grade 9s recently attended the IWK Career Fair. The fair was a bit crowded, but a worthwhile experience.

### **Ms. Jessome: Teacher's Report**

**Dalhousie's Let's Talk Science Day:** Grade 7/8 students will attend Dalhousie's Let's Talk Science Day after the holidays. This may take place in early February.

**Planting Science Study:** The grade 9s are signed up for Fall/Spring study called Planting Science. They will be studying genetics through independent research. Students will have a

mentor scientist from University of Edmonton, and will use technology (e.g. skype) for check-ins.

## **Students' Report**

Students mentioned that they have heard other students commenting about places available to change in the bathrooms. Some accommodations have previously been made.

## **SAC Training Meeting held on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Dyane found the meeting helpful. The difference between “hold and secure” and “lockdown” was discussed. The meeting was more of a review process for some parents, and they felt they didn't learn much that was new to them. Comments were made by parents that they should have been given more preparation before the meeting. Clear goals and an agenda were suggested.

## **The School Discipline Committee**

Committee is called in when a student wants to challenge a suspension. Kelly, Laura and Dyane are the members.

## **Mindfulness Initiative**

This initiative is primarily for grade 9s who experience a lot of anxiety concerning exams. They will learn good coping skills.

The next PD Day for staff will be focused on mindfulness. This will be a Thursday.

## **Membership of SAC**

Josie Boutilier is joining as a teacher representative. We are still looking for a community member.

## **Future Meeting Dates- February 8<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

The last meeting—June 14<sup>th</sup>—is before the grade 9 Trip.

Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>- Grade 9s leave for trip.

Meeting adjourned.