

Halifax Central
 School Advisory Council
 Minutes of Meeting: September 23rd, 2014

Present:

Robert MacMillan	Pearl Michael	Laura Whittaker	Mary Ledger
Jonah Larsen	Mairi Carver	Maya Iatrou	Ann Mann

Regrets:

Danny Campbell	Pat Hunson		
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Meeting Called to order 6pm

Topic	Details
Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved
Welcome and Introduction of Members	SAC members took turns introducing themselves
Appointment of Secretary	Danny Campbell was appointed secretary (pending his agreement).
Approval of minutes from May 28 th , 2014	Ms. Mann reviewed the minutes for the members and they were unanimously approved.
Appointment of School Discipline Committee	The committee will consist of Ann Mann, Pearl Michael and Laura Whittaker.
Principal's Report	<p>School Size: School population is down. We have 2 grade 7 classes, 3 grade 8 classes and 2 grade 9 classes.</p> <p>New Staff: Ms. Gillis, Ms. Nickerson, Mr. MacPhee, Mr. Christie, Ms. Ledger, Ms. Maddalena, Carol Finch.</p> <p>Returning: Mr. Mzezar, Mr. Campbell (term positions).</p>

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	<p>Completed 2 fire drills and a lock down drill.</p> <p>New Bell Schedule: 8:50, 1:10 and 3:15.</p> <p>Many after school meetings for staff and special programming.</p> <p>We had our first assembly followed by an ice cream social, which was a big success.</p> <p>On September 10th Robert attended a meeting about the new grade 7 and 8 report card. Parents have indicated they don't understand the current report card descriptors and students will now be marked in percentage points.</p> <p>September 12th was our first theme day (PJ day).</p> <p>Our student leadership group has begun meeting.</p> <p>Fall sports have all begun.</p> <p>September 18th was Meet the Teacher night. It was a small but successful evening.</p> <p>Boot Camp will take place next. It was rescheduled to accommodate a Jewish holiday. Ms. Hunson, Mr. Mzezar, Ms. Gillis and Mr. MacPhee will be attending.</p>
Grade 9 Student Report	<p>Students were wondering why soccer players were being dismissed early, but Mr. MacMillan had already explained that that would no longer be happening.</p> <p>Some grade 9 students were concerned about the process involved in choosing student leaders to attend Boot Camp with the grade 7's and were wondering how students were chosen. It was explained that students were chosen by the administration. Laura mentioned that at Gorsebrook students express interest and then seek references for the position. It was agreed that next year the process should be more democratic.</p>
Teachers' Report	<p>School clubs are starting up (GSA, Good Earth Society, etc) and are off to a great start.</p> <p>Teachers are busy getting to know students and getting their programs underway and the year is going very well so far. Staff seems busy and happy, as do the students.</p>
Other Business	<p>Ms. Mann briefly reviewed the SAC bylaws and talked about the importance of transparency. The Bylaws will be posted on the website and hopefully</p>

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	<p>approved at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cindy Littlefair wants to get members from various SAC's together to talk about lunchtime supervision. We discussed supervision at our school. The cancellation of Guided Study Hall was brought up and members expressed that it was a disappointment. Robert explained that we no longer have a teacher to cover it as it is not part of the Public School Program. Intramurals have yet to start up. Students brought up the fact that students can stay for lunch if they take part in certain clubs and activities (band, Good Earth, etc).</p>
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Next meeting to be October 29th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45