

SAC COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

TANTALLON JUNIOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (TJES)

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DATE: Tuesday, September 24th 2024

ATTENDEES: SAC Committee Members

TIME: 6:30 - 7:30

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- a) Round table introductions from everyone on the call. Welcome to new members Brandon and Jillian!

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA & LAST MEETING SUMMARY

- a) Erin & Nikki approved agenda
- b) No additions/edits to minutes from last meeting
- c) Total of \$13 252.23 in our SAC account. \$1000 from May 2024 for decodable books not deducted yet. Money to be expensed before March 2025.

3) PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Jeannie reported the following:

Enrollment Total 159: PP 32, Gr P Eng -33, Gr P FI -35, Gr1 Eng -29, Gr1 FI -30

Classes: 2 Pre-Primary Classes, 2 P classes: 1 Eng, 1 FI; 2 P/1 classes: 1 Eng, 1 FI; 2 Gr 1 classes: 1 Eng, 1 FI

Curriculum night: this took place on the 3rd of September, 2 days before the first day of school. It was a great turn out. Seems that parents were very pleased with the idea. Relieved a lot of anxiety for our new and returning littles.

Provincial Commitment to Safe and Caring Inclusive School's top priority is the safety and well-being of students and staff. Inclusive, positive learning settings must be first safe environments. This includes the Cell Phone Directive, Code of Conduct Review, Behaviour Strategy, Reporting Requirements for Unacceptable incidents. Staff input through surveys and the draft Code of Conduct will be released at the end of September. Consultation and revisions will be made then the Final version will be implemented during the winter. Behaviour Strategy is being developed, then will need consultation and revisions.

EMP: we have had our fire drill, lockdown drill and Hold and secure with great success.

Relocation sites - we will be relocating to Tantallon Sr, Bay View High and Giant Steps location on French Village station Road. We will have two more fire drills before winter, and then two in the spring. One more lock down drill in February.

Terry Fox Run: Thursday afternoon

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Orange Shirt Day Friday in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day on Sept 30th

Student Success Plan: We will continue to have literacy, math and well-being goals and strategies specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

It is a work in progress to decide what our short-term cycle goals will be. HRCE's goal in literacy is still to have every child reading at grade level by the end of grade 2.

Cell Phone Directive: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/nova-scotia-provincial-directive-personal-cell-phone-use-schools>

Lunch Program: Will begin on Oct 28 with the menu being released two weeks prior to our families for ordering. All schools in the province will rotate within the same monthly menu, staggered to avoid shortages in food items. Two daily choices, one being vegetarian. It meets the requirements for Canada's Food Guide and the Nova Scotia Food & Nutrition Policy. Pay what you can: full price @ \$6.50, partial payment or no payment. No one at the server provider or school level will know what payment option was chosen.

4) SSP - STUDENT SUCCESS PLAN

- a) Discussed above.

5) MEMBERSHIP

- a) Chair shared table of ideal committee positions for a SAC and highlighted positions that are currently filled and positions that are empty. Namely the community representative roles. Group brainstormed about groups/people to ask regarding their interest in joining. Erin was able to secure one new member before meeting was adjourned! (**PROMISED FUN AND PARTIES!) Request for new members will be posted in school newsletter and public places like Tantallon Library, RCMP, Seniors volunteer center, etc.

Committee Position (Static)		Name	Filling Vacancy or Full-Term	Term Start Date	Term end	Email Address
1	Parent/Guardian 1 of 4*	Amy Riley (French)	FT	Sept 2023		1amyriley1@gmail.com
2	Parent/Guardian 2 of 4*	Erin Schnare (French)	FT	Sept 2023		e.schnare@hotmail.com
3	Parent/Guardian 3 of 4*	Brandon Rose (English)	FT	Sept 2024		rbrandonrose@gmail.com
4	Parent/Guardian 4 of 4*	Jillian O'Fegan (French)	FT	Sept 2024		jillianofegan@gmail.com
5	Community Member 1 of 4	Tanya Morash (Director @ GS)	FT	Sept 2023		morashtanya@gmail.com

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6	Community Member 2 of 4					
7	Community Member 3 of 4					
8	Community Member 4 of 4					
9	Staff Member 1 of 4 [‡]	Jessica McInerney (Primary/French)	FT	*Year 10		jmcinerney@hrce.ca
10	Staff Member 2 of 4 [‡]	Nikki Chartrand (English)	FT	2021		ndebay@hrce.ca
11	Staff Member 3 of 4 [‡]	Lydie Gascuel (VP/French)	FT	2021		LGascuelOBrien@hrce.ca
12	Staff Member 4 of 4 [‡]					
13	Committee Chair	Ashley Zahavich (& French Parent)	FT	2023		ashley.zahavich@gmail.com
14	Principal (non-voting)	Jeannie Miller (Principal)	Full-Term	2024		jean.miller@hrce.ca

**Four parents/guardians (at least one from French Immersion and English)*

‡Four Staff members (including at least one teacher from French Immersion and one teacher from the English Program)

6) LUNCH/BREAKFAST PROGRAM UPDATES

Oct 28 - Universal lunch program; email out to families 2 weeks prior to create an account; add students as members; 2 choices per day (1 meat; 1 vegetarian) \$6.50/meal pay what you can; no one will know what you paid; school can order a few extra meals for kids who don't have lunch; our meals will be made at the senior building and brought over for the junior school.

Questions from group about food waste and taking home leftovers; what about milk and snacks? Do you have to order a meal to get a drink?

Jeannie to follow-up during upcoming meetings and report back. If milk is not an option on it's own, group to explore a separate milk program for the school.

Breakfast program has changed to 2 carts at the entrances; need to get a new fridge and some other appliances to support the program; if more funding is needed, we could tap into the SAC budget.

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7) CELLPHONE DIRECTIVE

Jeannie and Lydie requested group's input on discipline for those who are not following the new cellphone policies. The group decided for this age group, taking the device and calling the parents should suffice in most cases. Educate child and family about policy.

8) NEW SCHOOL UPDATES

Province provided an update on four new school projects announced for Halifax Regional Municipality. You can read the news release [here](#). One of the new schools announced will be built in the Timberlea community. The recommended site location for this school is on Maple Grove Avenue. [Click here](#) to read the site selection report prepared by the Department of Public Works (DPW).

On behalf of DPW and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, we invite you to share your input via email (educapitalprojects@novascotia.ca) on the recommended location of the new school, as outlined in Section 14 of the [Governor in Council Education Act Regulations - Education Act \(Nova Scotia\)](#). Feedback will be shared with the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development as she considers the report and recommendation from DPW. **Participation Deadline:** October 8, 2024, at 5 p.m.

9) SAC CONFERENCE

School Advisory Council Conference on Friday, Sept 27th at the Halifax Convention Centre. Jeannie will update group on learnings next meeting.

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Erin asked for school admin to consider moving some of the cinder barricades to make walking through the school parking lot safer for children/families/staff. Discussions will be had with school grounds keeper.

11) ADJOURNMENT

Future Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, October 29, 6:30-7:30

Tuesday, November 26, 6:30-7:30

Tuesday, January 28, 6:30-7:30

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30-7:30

Tuesday, May 27, 6:30-7:30

Minutes by Ashley Zahavich, SAC Chair, TJES.