

MDA SAC 3 DEC 2024

Present: Aaron Verge principal, Amanda Smith vice-principal, Alana Gammon chair, Cst Kerry Chartrand, Courtney Cameron, Brooklyn Mace, Savanna Munroe, Judith Graham, Sam Bateman, Jody Taker

Call to order at 2:50 by chair.

Approval of Agenda

Business arising from the minutes

- Membership status- possibly add another parent.
- Lounge furniture- principal looking into ordering from catalogues but not a lot of choice and expensive. May be able to move and repurpose furniture from elsewhere in the school. Tables and bean bag chairs seem popular. We have SAC funds available but may be looking into using some to build a selection of MDA grad robes and sashes.
Moved by Cst Chartrand that SAC allocates \$1000 to furniture, seconded by Courtney Cameron. All in favour.
- Tree lighting- possibly on December 17 at 6 with hot chocolate, cookies, etc . Considering change to before the concert- both on 11th, start at 6, concert at 6 :30.
- Holiday Breakfast, to replace turkey dinner as lunch program can not be interrupted. Ms Bateman and Mrs Quigley organizing. They are thinking about making Grinch fruit kabobs, Christmas pancakes/waffles, sausages and bacon. Will serve the school all together. Plan to prep in the days before so it can just be heated up to serve . This will take place on the 18th (the same day as spirit week PJ day) at 9:30. Volunteers to come for 8:30. Alana will ask Lions members to help.
- Staff Support VTRA training- EPAs have done this.
- School lunch programs are going very well. Food is prepped on site here.
- Possible daycare on site- no further news at the moment.
- Student council update: Candygrams are being sold- order now, delivered on the 20th. Spirit week planned for December 16-20. Other plans are being worked on to increase school spirit, student involvement and upcoming activities.
- Mr Verge reported that PMP Sportswear are selling winter hats with the school logo. It would be \$4000 for hats for all (400 hats). May have these in time for Christmas.
Sam moved that SAC spend \$1000 on this. Seconded by Jody. All in favour.

New Business

- Sports/extra curric- Grade 3 provincial testing went well.
- Staffing: Candidate for permanent sub position waiting to be processed.
- Sports: girls won volleyball regionals. Basketball team is also being successful.
- Wellness grant: \$500 spent on Gratitude Journals by Student Health Centre. Students that are involved meet as a group to share and discuss.

- All grant monies in and deposited.
- Fire drills etc up to date. Sound system is set up and ready to go.
- Programming club grade 3-6. Will be extending to junior high. Mr MacDonald is running this twice a week.
- Score board: Sackville arena have donated their scoreboard to MDA. Jody (Parks and Rec) have negotiated to get this at no charge. Volunteers are picking it up and HRCE will install. It is big and heavy!
- Preprimary playground has been moved.
- Food left from past turkey dinners is being donated to The Rainbow Food Bank.
- Sport NS rural initiative- a DCS grant for underserviced areas. Students being surveyed on what they would like to see from this.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30.