

MDA SAC
Agenda
4 February 2025

Present: Aaron Verge principal, Amanda Smith vice-principal, Courtney Cameron, Kelsi Henley, Sam Bateman, Vicki Rutledge, Savanna Munroe, Kerri Bertrand, Judith Graham, Jody Taker
Regrets: Alana Gammon chair

Balance in the SAC account: \$8,069.77. \$1,000 was paid to PMG Spirit Wear for MDA winter hats for all the students. The students have expressed an interest in "Buddy benches". The O2 program has a grant for building benches- they can do this.

Membership Update: 2 new members so we may have a full committee.

Lounge Furniture: a corner bench was found to be the cheapest- total \$1,600 with tax and shipping. \$1000 paid from SAC funds, amount over this to be paid by the school.

Staffing Update: have hired a long-term sub who will be full-time. However she is covering for the junior French teacher who is on maternity leave. The grade 5/6 teacher has taken another position so looking to fill this or considering other options to rearrange the class. Also exploring co-teaching as a solution.

Onsite daycare- no updates received.

Scoreboard- waiting to hire a boom truck as it is very big and heavy. Reports from pickleball players that there is a basketball net that is hard to get up and down.

Sport NS grant- this is going well. There are more than 20 students involved. This involves activities for rural students. Students were surveyed for their interests. There are four main areas- hiking, out of area trips, organized sports and a youth room. There are also training opportunities for coaching.

Provincial student code of conduct to be released in March. Admin and SAC had input on this. There will be tiered responses to increasing violence in schools.

The school will be practicing a lockdown drill. A work order has been submitted for a lock on the room with a retracting glass wall. Note made of lock on the wrong side of the door between the O2 and shop classrooms.

Exams have taken place and went smoothly.

There are students in credit recovery, taking place after school.

Student council has been active doing candygrams, and planning a dance on February 11.

There will be a new course this year- computer coding- taught by Mr Derek MacDonald.
Next year there will also be Miqmaq Science 12 offered- which will include interconnectedness with nature.

The school has purchased a heat press for ball caps.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Judith Graham, secretary MDA SAC