

Marine Drive Academy
School Advisory Council
Minutes 1 APRIL 2025

Present: Alana Gammon- chair, Aaron Verge- principal, Amanda Smith vice-principal, Jody Taker, Jeannie Hubley, Savanna Munroe, Kelsi Henley, Courtney Cameron, Judith Graham, Cst Kerri Chartrand, Vicki Rutledge

Regrets: Brooklyn Mace, Sam Bateman

Funding:

- SAC has \$2,000 committed to graduation and funds committed for furniture. Also, plan to use funds for purchasing school supplies for incoming students- buy in bulk.

Staffing:

- Elementary classes are down one teacher as position has not been filled. Class assignments have been reconfigured to accommodate for this. This has gone well with no reported complaints.
- New hire in full-time substitute position. Has been assigned to French substitute as teacher on mat leave and not replaced prior to now.

Trips:

- Junior and Senior students went to Truro, swimming and skating, went well.
- Elementary classes currently planning end of year trips, including Memory Lane. $\frac{3}{4}$ class have been going to Harbourview Lodge on a weekly basis.

Professional learning:

- PD on Thursday, April 3- focused on Safe School, Student Success planning and Tienet.
- April 30 also professional learning, and parent- teacher visits.

Scoreboard update:

- New scoreboard priced at about \$1000. This is on a stand and plugs in. The donated board was too big and complicated for moving and installing. SAC to share cost. **Kelsi Henley moved that SAC share the cost for this, contributing half. Seconded by Courtney Cameron. All in favour.**

O2 update:

-Interviews were last week and there will be nine students coming in to the program in September. Current students have been doing food-handlers course, first aid course coming up. Also other workplace training- WHMIS etc.

New courses:

- 3 new courses for the next school year: Life- teaching life skills, Global History, and Netukulimk- teaching awareness of relationship with nature- an open science credit- only 1 student signed up for this so far.

Immunizations- have been completed for this year.

Fluoride varnishes- coming April 14, by dental hygienist. Brushorama- dentist coming to talk to kids and do an oral hygiene challenge.

Discussion re:head lice checks- not done regularly, just as needed.

Information booklet sent home earlier in the year. Kelsi Henley will look into cost for the SAC to purchase kits for families that need assistance with this. **Notice of motion for next meeting.**

The school has four floor curling sets for the gym. Jody working with Sport NS. \$25,000/yr for 3 years- including staff, to promote physical activity for this area. A rural initiative, for Grade 7 and up. A youth

space is being made at Parks and Rec program room. Have done a session with volleyball and basketball for elementaries. Want to do out-of-community trips to rinks etc. Find out what local experience can be tapped. Bluenose Marathon is being organized locally again this year- at Taylor Head Park. \$17.25 per student. Grades 2-6. \$1000 sponsor from Dr Rudolph.

Next meeting- May 6 at 4- can allocate SAC funds to a meal- plan for pizza from Upper Musquodoboit Convenience.

Motion for adjournment by Courtney Cameron at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted by Judith Graham