

**MARINE DRIVE ACADEMY**  
**SAC MINUTES**  
**APRIL 9, 2024**

PRESENT: Amanda Smith, Jonathan Cumminger, Alana Gammon, Kerry Chartrand, Tracy Walsh, Brooklyn Mace, Savannah Munroe, Aaron Verge, Lisa Hubley, Jeannie Hubley, Jody Taker, Vickie Rutledge (late), Judith Graham

REGRETS: Sam Butler

The meeting was called to order at 2:45pm

Minutes of the previous meeting accepted as circulated.

Old Business:

- Playground: representatives from HRM, the provincial and HRCE have met and discussed our playground. The school has 300 students and one small set of play equipment. There has not yet been any feedback from this meeting back yet. The co-op students are creating wooden equipment for imaginative play.
- Big idea club: no report.
- Library: the money from SAC has been spent on new books for the library. Many thanks from library staff for this.
- Giving voices document- no update.
- Physical activity report- DPA taking place, nothing more to report.
- The heat in Mrs Glawson's class has been looked after!
- Brooklyn Mace, grade 11 student has been added to SAC membership.
- Our chair has still not had access to SAC email- Mr Verge will check on this.
- Alana has given bursary contact information (Tracy Walsh) to Vickie Rutledge.
- Grad funds from SAC- \$2000 will be needed. There has been a lot of fund-raising in the community recently and better not to have to do this for graduation events. Mr verge is looking in to virtual reality oculus devices as an expense for the remaining SAC funds. These have been use in some schools for educational applications.
- Student lounge area on third floor- this has been discussed in SAC. The students have expressed interest in an area near the top of the stairs with comfortable furniture. The fabric would need to be fire retardant. We will get more feedback from Sam Butler.

New Business

- Mr Verge- whether a classic year book is possible this year is questionable due to cost. The school lost money on this last year and had leftover books. Memory books have been brought up as an option- similar to a yearbook but shorter- a dedicated page for each class with a sports page etc. This would be a coil bound book. It would be created by students, but there has not been a lot of interest. A calendar for grads could also be an option.
- Prom meetings are happening, and the graduation ceremony is being organized.

- Oceans 11- ecological project with Dalhousie University- meetings are continuing.
- Spirit week was held before March break with daily dress up themes, there were bouncy castles one day and an assembly on the last day. There will be a field day at the end of May- with hamster balls and a bbq.
- The school has been supplied with 200+ new chrome books which are being put in to circulation replacing the older ones.
- School lapel pins- hope to have these for students
- The new attendance policy does seem to be encouraging students to attend. A meeting with school board with regard to elementary attendance is upcoming.
- SAC will be available to help with graduation events if needed.
- The Sheet Harbour Lions Club has challenged the school and local volunteer groups to a garbage clean-up challenge for Earth Day..
- The community attendance for sports games has been inspiring-girls volleyball and boys basketball.
- Mrs K is organizing a spring concert with fiddle, drums, piano, and singing.
- There are now cheer teams for elementary and high school students.
- Harbourview Lodge is looking for student volunteers.
- Prom date has been changed to Tuesday June 25th, graduation is June 27th, a Thursday.
- Brooklyn Mace informed the group that a student group is applying for funding through Rooted- a food insecurity project. They plan to introduce different fruit or vegetables to the students with information about them. It was discussed that there is also a program with the literacy network providing \$10 vegetable bags but it is currently at capacity. Some schools have had projects growing food with hydroponics and growth lights.
- The school has provided sleds for the students to use at recess and lunch times.
- Any leftover SAC funds may be saved for next school year's Christmas dinner. They could be moved into the account ready for this.

Next meeting will be a supper meeting- May 14 at 5pm.  
 Move to adjourn- Jeannie Hubley.