

CALL TO ORDER: Time: 6:05 pm

Attendees:

Gale Downey, Chair
Geoff Saliani – Co-Chair, Parent Member
Jimmy Hurley, Principal
Heather Conrad, Vice Principal
Jennifer Funke, Staff Member
River Miller, Parent Member
April Hill, Parent Member
Lori-Ann Betts, Secretary
Sylvie Aucoin, Community Member

Regrets:

Tarah Henderson, Staff Member
Sylvie Aucoin, Community Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Minutes approved by River Miller, Seconded by Geoff Saliani

A. New Business:

- SAC Bylaws/Letter of Agreement handed out and will be for review for next meeting.
- SAC would like to draw more community members and diverse representation.
- New Code of Conduct to be released later this year or early next. Last Spring there were surveys /town halls for parent participation.
- SAC PD September 27, full day event, Jimmy & Gale to attend.
- Cell phone policy reviewed, and some concern was raised about staff, in particular teachers using cell phones during instruction time. It was noted that cell phones must be used by staff as a safety issue as we do not have phones in the classrooms. Mr. Hurley indicated that he has not observed inappropriate use of cell phones by staff but will address issues as they arise. It was noted that teachers should advise students of what they are doing when they use a cell phone in class.
- School lunch program reviewed. Supplier is Scarlett House. Ordering starts Oct. 18th and is for 2 weeks at a time. Ordering is open from Friday- Wednesday (5 days). Lori-Ann to inquire about extra lunches donated to Community Fridge.
- Attendance Policy reviewed. Students absent for 5%, teacher reaches out, 10% Admin reaches out, 20% parents are asked to come in for a meeting. Students with known medical reasons will not be penalized. Absent rates have gotten worse, as opposed to better since Covid.
- The School Communication Plan was sent to families.
- Concern brought to committee regarding recess and lunch zones. Students in grades P-3 are in the upper zone and grades 4-6 are in the lower zone. Parents are concerned that there is not role modeling between the upper and lower elementary students, specifically with their cross-age buddies and that older kids don't always like to be "stuck" down in the lower elementary. The decision to split the students was made to alleviate the issues we were having at lunch, including inappropriate social interaction. Since it's implementation, there has been a significant decrease in the number of incidents being reported to the office. There was also a

concern of safety as when all groups are together there can be accidents between very small children and the older upper elementary students. It was also noted that most schools have the same policy. In the case of the Grade 3/4 split class, the Grade 3's are allowed to go down with the Grade 4's but the Grade 4's are not allowed to go to the upper. In discussion, it was agreed that Peer Mediating would be very beneficial for the students. An example is the PALS program. River has agreed to take this on as a volunteer option.

B. Principal's Report

- Enrollment at 193
- Staff including specialists at approximately 50.
- Professional Development on September 4th, Safety Training and Code of Conduct reviewed
- Feedback from Curriculum Night being before school. It was received well, would prefer it to be 2 days before school opening instead of night before.
- Breakfast Program – off and running with excellent volunteer staff. Peggy taking lead on menu and grocery lists.
- Crosswalk safety concerns from Petra. RCMP Liasson to visit on Friday 27th to monitor situation and address issue. More pylon's are required.
- Picture Day was last week and went well
- Treaty Day on September 27th, Terra Crowe arranging presentation with students from SRB.
- Terry Fox Walk / Relocation Drill scheduled for September 27th.
- New Website to be published by the HRCE as of November 2nd. Information will be posted from board level to have consistency.
- Grades 4-6 attending Sport Milk Fair on October 8th – Classes also registered for Art Labs at CHDHS

C. SSP – Reading/Writing/Math:

D. SAC Funds:

- The balance of the SAC funds from 2023-2024 is \$2081.24. That amount it to be transferred to pay for School Supplies. We will receive a grant of about \$5188 in the coming weeks. SAC likely to allot \$2000 for next years school supplies. Will discuss at next meeting.

E. AOB

Adjourned: 7:30 PM

MEETING Dates: October 21st, November 18, February 3, March 3, May 12