

## School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

07 April, 2016

Le Marchant St. Thomas Staff Room, 4:35 - 5:50 pm

### Members Present:

Jeanne Boudreau	Principal
David Jakeman	SAC Chair, Parent
Judy Obersi	SAC Co-Chair, Parent
Laura White	Secretary, Parent
Andrew Boyne	Parent
Natalie Rosen	Community Representative
Claire O'Donovan	Community Representative
Jennifer McMillan	Teacher
Adele Beaton	Teacher
Kate McLeod	Teacher

### Guests Present:

Joachim Stroink      MLA Halifax Chebucto

### Members Absent with Regrets:

Monica Stoilov	Vice Principal
Nancy Beck	Community Representative

1. Review and Approval of 11 February, 2016 Minutes: One addition regarding teacher recognition: Item 4 b) "We will recognize teachers as a group rather than individually to remove the competitive aspect". Motion to approve Minutes: JO. Seconded: CO.

2. Additions to Agenda: none.

3. Old Business:

a) Student Support Plan (JB): Teachers recently submitted additional classroom (grades P-6) assessment data. The goal is to see improvement in communication and student progress. Students now have more endurance in their writing. They are explaining their ideas better and taking more risks. In Mathematics, they are identifying which strategy (+, -, ×, ÷) they are using better (i.e. in a word problem). Next year is year five, so we will present our results from the past four years.

b) Transition School (Beaufort building) (JB):

-The gym will be on-site in a large room. Grades 4-6 will do more field trips. We will purchase some new gym equipment to make the smaller space work. (Renting the Kings College gym was too costly.)  
-There will be a portable for the music room provided by HRSB/DoE. If necessary, there will be an additional portable for grade Primary.

-Staff will get one day to pack at the end of June, and one day to unpack at the transition school at the end of August.

-Two entrances will be used; on Walnut and Watt Streets.

-JS: A tender is out for the renovations. Renovations to the building will commence in May after the St. Anne's campus has left the property at the end of April. The temporary school is the old Le Marchant School building.

4. New Business:

a) Security concerns during recess and lunch (DJ):

-A few parent have raised concerns after an incident of an adult on the grounds at Inglis Street Elementary, and the girls approached by a man in a car at Vernon and Jubilee.

-JB: Has spoken to a few parents (and anyone is welcome to call JB to discuss) regarding safety precautions. The staff are now wearing bright orange vests, so they are easily recognizable. There are 9 staff monitoring the children during the lunch hour, and all areas of entry/exit are closely monitored. The staff are between the children and the field, by the gym and by the Watt Street gate. There are 4 staff members monitoring the children at recess. Staff have discussed Stranger Danger with the children on multiple occasions. The YPHD and Excel programs are informed of all incidents that occur.

-LW: Is there any monitoring occurring after school? The LSC daycare kids wait for their teachers after school and at lunch in the front of the school. JB: The students could wait inside the building, waiting outside is the routine that the LSC staff have implemented.

b) Review HRSB naming or renaming schools policy by April 22<sup>nd</sup> (DJ):

-Policy is fine, no changes recommended.

-Will keep the name of the new school as LMST unless the policy is invoked.

-The South Peninsula P-6 School is a working name.

c) Review HRSB digital citizenship policy by April 22<sup>nd</sup> (DJ):

-Policy is fine, no changes recommended.

-If there is space in the school, out of area requests are to be granted.

-Grades 4-6 will begin coding in 2016/17.

-LMST staff are Google Apps leaders in the HRSB. Other schools are looking to LMST for guidance. With one App, teachers can monitor all students writing and respond in real time, either with the technology, or in person.

5. Administration Update (JB):

a) New Primary registration: 57 students so far (1 English, 56 French). We have 17 out of area requests that cannot be accepted as the school is full. Grade Primary classes must not exceed 20 students.

b) YMCA daycare for 2016/17: There is no space for the program at the transition school.

-A group of parents are looking into rental of an off-site location for the program to run. New volunteers or ideas are welcome to help with this effort.

c) Concours d'Art Oratoire: LMST won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in this public speaking competition.

d) Destination Imagination will take place 9 April at Auburn Drive High School. It is a problem solving challenge for students in grades 4-12.

f) The Book Fair (English and French together) will be held in the gym and is organized by Meagan Blanchard. The hours will be sent out to parents via email.

g) There is a PD day on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The teachers will learn more about Google Apps in the morning, and then parent teacher/interviews are in the afternoon and evening.

h) The April 15<sup>th</sup> movie night selection is "Inside Out".

i) On April 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a musical presentation by the group "Squid" ([www.squidband.com](http://www.squidband.com)).

j) Lights out day will be celebrated on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

6. Other business:  
None.

7. Items moved to next meeting's agenda:  
-Discuss teacher recognition further.

8. Actions:  
None.

9. Next meeting: 10 May, 4:30 pm  
Teacher input on the new school is provided to the SST via JB.