

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
10 May, 2016
Le Marchant St. Thomas Staff room, 4:35 – 5:55 pm

Members Present:

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| Jeanne Boudreau | Principal |
| Monica Stoilov | Vice Principal |
| David Jakeman | Chair, Parent |
| Judy Obersi | Co-Chair, Parent |
| Laura White | Secretary, Parent |
| Andrew Boyne | Parent |
| Jennifer McMillan | Teacher |
| Nancy Beck | Community Representative |
| Claire O'Donovan | Community Representative |

Members Absent:

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| Natalie Rosen/Matthew Schnurr | Community Representatives |
| Kate McLeod | Teacher |
| Adele Beaton | Teacher |

1. Review and Approval of 07 April, 2016 Minutes: No changes.

Motion to approve: LW

Seconded: JO

2. Additions to Agenda:

a) Notice of Minutes being posted on the website will be emailed to parents (LW/JB). LW will coordinate with Mandy Smith.

3. Old Business:

a) Student Support Plan (JB): Data for term 3 is being collected by teachers now. A comparison of first and second term data (year 4 of the study) is complete. Improvement was noted, as there was a decrease in the number of children with "limited understanding" in math communication and writing communication. Math and writing communication are the only two areas of data collection. We will compare all three terms in June and then compare students from year to year.

b) Transition school (Beaufort building) and operation plan (JB):

- All teachers have toured the building, as the space became vacant on 1 May. Some of the classrooms are a bit small, and there are some challenges (i.e. windows that don't open), but the space is bright and the general feeling about the space is positive.

-The demolition for the renovation is complete, and the project is on schedule to be complete for the end of August.

-Packing is underway. Items to be moved will be stored then moved over to the transition school at the end of August.

c) Preliminary SST meeting (JB): A meeting was held with the NS Dept. of Education & Early Childhood Development and Heather Syms of the HRSB. Potential school designs were discussed at that meeting, but nothing set in stone.

4. New Business:

a) There will be a School Steering Team (SST) meeting on 12 May. Architecture 49 are designing the new school. This meeting will include the architects, Department Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal staff, Department of Education staff, HRSB staff and JB, DJ and JO. **JB will be more involved in the design process going forward.** The architects will likely attend only 2 SST meetings and one

community meeting.

5. Administration Update (JB):

- a) MS: Paints Project: an artist from Wonder'neath studio came into the school and lead the grade 4-6 children through the process of making clay pinch pots. The pots were glazed and fired at the studio.
- b) Primary info session: about half of the parents were present last week.
- c) Primary orientation: scheduled for 11 May. There will be 7 stations including vision screening by public health.
- d) Strings Night at the Forum: The city wide event takes place on 12 May, 7 pm.
- e) Transition meetings and orientation for grade 6 parents and students: scheduled for May. Details will be emailed to parents. There will be one event for Gorsebrook (French) and one for Central (English).
- f) LMST was a registered school for Lights out Canada on Earth Day. The students loved the event, having all the lights out in the school for the day.
- g) LMST is participating in Energy Cubes – a healthy active lifestyle challenge.
- h) Maritime Marionettes presented two shows of their production “Molly and the Oak Island Treasure”
- i) On May 25th there will be a nutrition expo on alternative snacking.
- j) Spring photos have been taken and sent home.
- k) Technology for 2016/17: LMST continues to be a leader in the HRSB in the use of technology. Next year we will receive another cart of Chromebooks, and we will not longer have desktop computers in the classrooms.
- l) For 2016/17 we expect enrollment to be: 75 English students, 340 French students.
- m) The class configurations for next year are: English: P/1/2, 3/4, 5, 6. French: P, P, P/1, 1, 1, 1/2, 2, 2/3, 3, 3/4, 4, 4/5, 5, 5/6, 6. Class lists are in progress.
- n) The new curriculum for grades 4-6 is out for Sept/16: “Revised Time to Learn Strategy”

6. Other business:

None.

7. Items moved to next meeting's agenda:

None.

8. Actions:

None.

9. Next meeting: 2 June, 4:30 pm

Motion to adjourn meeting: LW. Seconded: JO. Meeting adjourned 5:55 pm.