

SAJS SAC MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2019 5:30 PM

1. **Call to order:** Mr. Austen

2. **Record of attendance:**

In attendance: Glenn Austen (Principal), Joanne Landry (VP); Lynn Casey (VP), Marie Kennedy (Guidance), Rochelle MacKenzie; Leah Duggan, Kim Bain-Long and Anelia Wasserman

Regrets: Daan Verkoeijen, Gary Cusack

3. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes (May 8, 2019)**

4. **Principal's Report**

- **Gaga Ball Pit**

The Gaga Ball pit is very popular with students. Another one will be built as well. The floors will be covered with pea stone.

- **Staffing 2019-20**

i.

Additions: Derek MacDonald (Grade 6)

ii.

TBD

1. 1.0 – 0.5 VP/0.5 Student Services

2. 0.8 – ELA 6 & ELA 7

3. 1.0 Maternity leave – Gr 5 position in January

5. **Guidance Report** (Marie Kennedy)

- The Grade 8's attended two workshops about Content by the Antigonish Women Resource Centre
- Wellness Day was a great success.
- Wellness boxes (a box full of coping strategies and information regarding support) for Grade 8's will be handed out after their final dance.
- Constable MacPherson addressed grade 6's about substance use (vaping, alcohol, drugs)
- Transition sessions for students joining SAJS and leaving for Dr. John H Gillis went well. Individual meetings for students needing more support are ongoing.
- The extra 0.5 guidance position in September will enable the department to do more proactive work.

6. **Student Success Planning**

A copy of the Annual Report is distributed.

7. Upcoming events

- The parent information evening for new parents was on June 12th and was well attended.
- StFX Chemistry department will be presenting XChem presentations for various grades
- The Girls softball team attended provincials on June 13th
- The final band concert was on June 13th
- Gr 8's have field trips to Arisaig on June 18, 19 and 20
- The Grade 5 and 6 year end assembly is on June 21
- Grade 5 trip to Camp Geddie is on June 24
- Grade 6 fun day is on June 24
- Grade 7 fun day is on June 25
- Grade 8 Pizza Party and Social is on June 25
- Grade 7 & 8 Celebration of Achievement is on June 26

8. SAJS SAC 2019-20 – An invitation will go out in September

9. Additions

Six Chromebooks have been donated to be used in support of African Nova Scotian students

10. Adjournment at 6:20pm