

**SAJS SAC
MEETING MINUTES**

May 8, 2019 6:00 PM

1. Call to order: Mr. Austen

2. Record of attendance:

In attendance: Glenn Austen (Principal), Joanne Landry (VP); Marie Kennedy (Guidance), Rochelle MacKenzie; Leah Duggan, Gary Cusack, Daan Verkoeijen, Kim Bain-Long, Maria Fraser and Anelia Wasserman

Regrets: Lynn Casey (VP),

3. Additions to Agenda: None

4. Approval of Agenda:

Approved by Kim Long; seconded by Rochelle MacKenzie

5. Approval of Minutes (April 10, 2019):

Approved by Kim Long; seconded by Rochelle MacKenzie

6. Business arising from meeting minutes: None

7. New business

7.1 Principals Report: School News and New Initiatives at SAJS

7.1.1 Student Success Planning Updates (School Improvement Plan) 2018-19

Literacy goal (Joanne Landry):

During the last PD day Grade 5 + 6 teachers worked on reading strategies. Writing strategies will be addressed during three after school sessions.

All students filled out an in-school survey about the school and their learning. Results will be shared at the next meeting.

All students (Grade 4-12) also participated in a provincial survey. Results will also be shared.

7.1.2 Staffing Updates

Mr. Austen reports on staffing for the 2019/2020 school year:

- The allocation is down by 0.5 FTE
- Currently there are 24 home rooms. Next year there will be 23 home rooms. The projected enrollment is down by 14 students.
- An additional 0.5 guidance councillor position was allocated. Allana MacGillivray will fill this position.
- Brian MacDonald (Gaelic teacher) will be at SAJS on a full time basis.
- The 0.5 Math intervention position stays in place
- A Program Planning Team specialist will be a new addition to the school to help with referrals to special programming.
- There will be one Intensive French class in Grade 6 (currently with 20 learners).

7.2 SAC Finance Report

7.2.1 \$2000 still available

7.3 Guidance Report

Ms. Kennedy reports:

- Parents as career coaches was a successful session.
- May 24 will be Wellness Day with a focus on positive mental health. With a grant from public health a speaker from Toronto was invited. There will be various activities and breakout sessions (e.g. nutrition, yoga, art, therapy dogs etc.)
- Grade 8 students are still supporting Grade 5, 6 and 7 students with organizational skills (binders, lockers etc.)
- The Grade 7 + 8 Wellness Committee are working on an anti-bullying campaign for Grade 5 + 6 students.
- Grade 8 students will do a Consent Workshop with Antigonish Women's Resource Centre.
- Ms. Landry and Ms. Kennedy visited Grade 6 students at SACS and H.M. MacDonald and the students visited SAJS to prepare them for transition to Grade 7. The same applies to Grade 4 students at AEC. There will also be a presentation for new SAJS families on June 12 as well as tours for students needing more assistance in late August.

8. Additional items: Playground feedback

Hopefully we will be breaking ground on the playground next spring.

In the meantime a gaga ball pit will be installed by Mr. Statchook and students. It will be wheelchair accessible as well and the gate will incorporate a big Ollie Bot.

22 giant stencils were bought to paint games outside on the playground surface and bus loop.

9. Recent and upcoming events:

- May 24 – Special Olympics
- End of May - Grade 7 Immunization

Grade 8 Provincial Assessment

- June 4 – Strait from the Heart
- June 12 – information session for new SAJS families

10. The **next meeting** is scheduled for June 13 at 6 pm. Dinner will be provided.

11. **Adjournment** at 6:50 pm