

SAJS SAC MEETING MINUTES

November 26, 2019 6:00 PM

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

2. **Record of attendance:**

In attendance: Glenn Austen (Principal), Joanne Landry (VP); Daan Verkoeijen, Mark Lukeman, Rochelle MacKenzie and Anelia Wasserman

Regrets: Marie Kennedy, Leah Duggan, Mary-Beth Brophy, Gary Cusack, Erin MacPherson

3. **Additions to agenda** None

4. **Approval of agenda**

5. **Approval of minutes**

5.1 Approval of Minutes October 23, 2019 meeting

6. **Business arising from meeting minutes**

In the past only Grade 8 students had the opportunity to apply to attend WE day. This year both Grade 7 and 8 students could apply because WE day might only take place every second year in the future.

7. **New business**

7.1 Summary of Provincial SAC meeting

The SAC handbook was discussed. Previous School Board policies are in the process of being reassessed to be replaced with provincial policies.

SAC funding stays the same for this year @ \$5000/school plus \$1/student.

7.2 Principal's Report: School news and new initiatives at SAJS

- The Multi Tiered System for Support will be policy in September.
- The Grade 7 + 8 integrated curriculum currently piloted at SAJS will be implemented province wide in September.
- New assessment policies for student learning as well as teacher appraisal are in the development phase as well.

7.2.1 SAJS Student Success Planning (School Improvement Plan) 2019-2020

Math goal: At the PD day the possibility of developing a school-based common grade assessment was discussed. This could potentially be conducted before the provincial assessments.

Language Arts Goal: A Google Forms Survey was conducted to get teacher feedback regarding needs of ELA teachers as a group as well as individually.

During an after school session teachers shared resources and ideas by making binders with a focus on guided reading. The next session will focus on developing a running record.

Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment Goal:

A "Light up the school with kindness" campaign will run throughout December.

7.3 Finance Report

The playground fund raising campaign is now on \$70 000. The aim is \$90 000.

A \$10 000 playground grant submitted by Mr. Austen and Phil Doucet was approved.

\$10 000 was applied for with Bonvie/MacDonald

Playground construction will hopefully start in the Spring.

7.4 The Guidance Report (Joanne Landry on behalf of Marie Kennedy)

- Vaping presentations were completed for all grade 8 students. It will continue for Grade 7 students next year.
- "Free to Be U" (self esteem/healthy relationships, etc.) presentations are completed for selected Grade 6 classes through the NSHA MH and a youth outreach worker.
- Kids in the Know (personal safety program) completed for 6 Imm and 8 Imm
- Consent workshop will start on Dec 2 for Grade 7 + 8 students in partnership with Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, School Psychologist and school counselors. It focuses on healthy sexual relationships and different types of sexualized

violence.

- Clubs for all grade levels continue at lunch time with school counselors.
- Friend group and Boys groups are in progress, as well as a GSA group and Mental health initiative group.
- Mr. Briggs has completed career presentations (My Blueprint) with all Grade 8 classes to help students with planning for high school course choices.

8. Recent and Upcoming events

- Grade 7 + 8 Dance/Social - Dec 5
- Winter Band Concert - Dec 12
- Last day of school before Christmas break - Dec 20

9. **Next meeting** Thursday, January 16th at 6 pm.

10. **Adjournment** at 6:45pm