

SAJS SAC MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2019 6:00 PM

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

2. **Record of attendance:**

In attendance: Glenn Austen (Principal), Joanne Landry (VP); Erin MacPherson, Daan Verkoeijen, Gary Cusack, MaryAnn Burke, Mary-Beth Brophy, Kim Bain-Long and Anelia Wasserman

Regrets: Marie Kennedy, Leah Duggan, Rochelle MacKenzie

3. **Overview of Role of SAC (Review of SAC handbook)**

Copies of the SAC handbook are distributed and briefly reviewed.

4. **Review of Bylaws & Makeup of the SAJS SAC**

Copies of the SAJS SAC Bylaws are distributed and briefly reviewed. A call will be put out in the next newsletter to fill vacant spots. Mary-Beth Brophy (grade 8 student) joined as student representative. One more student and one more community member are still required.

5. **SAJS Student Success Planning (School Improvement Plan) 2019-2020**

At a recent PD day data assessment (e.g. test scores) informed the decisions made regarding the identification of goals for the new year.

Math goal: Students will demonstrate an improvement in performance in the outcomes related to problem solving.

Language Arts Goal: The goal is to improve literacy in the area of analysis and synthesis. This links to the Math goal as well.

The guided reading / balanced reading goal of last year is now implemented as a tool/strategy.

Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment Goal: Students will feel welcome, safe and both connected to and engaged with the school community of SAJS through the provision of both support and leadership opportunities.

For all three goals the aim is to raise the achievement gap between top students and struggling students.

6. **DOEECD Policies and Documents for Review**

- *Extra-curricular Activity Supervision Policy* (September 2019) – The new policy states that a teacher does not have to be present at every extra-curricular event. Students can be supervised by vetted/registered volunteers.
- *Summary of Feedback from Focus Groups on School Advisory Councils* – Copies of the summary are distributed and briefly reviewed.

7. **Principal's Report**

- *Staff addition and changes*
There are currently 39 staff members (same as last year) and 562 students.
Staff allocations changed slightly with Allana MacGillivray now in a .5 guidance position.
Allan Briggs also joined the guidance team as an intern until January.
- *Playground update*

Mr. Austen is working on grant proposals. More fund raising opportunities are planned as well. An extra gaga ball pit will be added soon and hopefully a new piece of equipment by next spring.

- SAJS SAC gnspe account

The SRCE set up and shared a Google Docs account with principals and SAC chairs

8. **Guidance Report** (Joanne Landry on behalf of Marie Kennedy)

- The RCMP is involved in school wide sessions about cyber bullying , consent and vaping.
- All students were reminded of the role of councilors and public health providers.
- Grade 8 students are identified to help other students with organizational support.
- “Free to be you” and “Kids in the Know” programs are run in conjunction with a mental health worker.
- Students in every grade had the opportunity to identify clubs they would like to be involved in during lunch time to provide an alternative for students to playing outside or being in the cafeteria.
- Updates are given in the monthly newsletter.

9. **Recent and Upcoming events**

- Digital citizenship presentation (RCMP) – Sept 25 and TBD
- Terry Fox Walk – Sept 26
- School-based in-service – Sept 27
- Fire Drill / Relocation Drill – Oct 2
- Grade 6 Provincial Assessment – Oct 8-11
- Thanksgiving – Oct 14
- Student Vote – Oct 18
- Picture re-take – Oct 24
- October Provincial Conference Day – Oct 25
- Grade 5/6 Sock hop & Grade 7/8 Halloween Social – Oct 30
- Regional SAC meeting – Nov 4 (Civic Centre) Principals and chairs

10. **Next meeting** Wed, Oct 23 6pm (thereafter on Tuesdays)

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