

AWEC SAC Minutes
Thursday, January 26, 2017 – 6:30 pm
AWEC – Seminar Room

PRESENT: Kelly Kempton, Jackie Gillis, Paula Buxton, Rion Microys

REGRETS: Georgette Warrington, Silvia Jonitz, Paula Hafting, Chassity Chute, Stephen Schell, Allan Birch

1. Call to Order

- Rion Microys called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda approved as submitted

3. Approval of Minutes

- December 14, 2016 minutes approved as submitted

4. Principal's Report – Mr. Schell

- not available

5. Vice Principal's Report – Mr. Birch

- not available

6. Student Council Reports

- not available

7. Student Success Planning

- not available

8. Business Arising

- Communication – AWEC Handbook/Newsletter/Website – Kelly and Jackie would like a newsletter, monthly would be fine – they noted that there is a difference in the level of communication in the elementary schools and the middle school – the weekly updates by teachers is a huge help – a handbook would be helpful – Paula and Rion updated that the handbook suggestions made at the last meeting had been forwarded to Mr. Birch and Mr. Schell and that this is an

ongoing project between Mr. Birch, the SAC and other volunteers –
We are all getting the hang of the new school website

9. New Business

- School Opening and Closing Times (and other work-to-rule outcomes) – Rion reported that Mr. Schell had advised that the school opening and closing times would remain at 20 minutes before the morning opening bell and 20 minutes after the afternoon closing bell
- Breakfast Program – Rion reported that Mr. Schell might be looking for some parent volunteer support of the AWEC Breakfast Program – Kelly and Jackie asked questions: is the program is funded by the province? What does the program provide? How does the program work?
- School Social Media Policy – Paula expressed the need for an educational seminar on social media for parents – how parents behave on line, how children should behave – She pointed out that many parents are not aware that their children have two accounts on many sites (one that their parents are linked to and one that they are not linked to) – Parents need to be aware of all the new apps that are available – Paula and Rion discussed The Circle (by Disney) that they both have in their homes which allows parents to see what sites are being visited on all their children's devices – We also wondered what the policy is on teachers friending students

10. Sharing Time

- Snow Day Fun – a round table discussion ensued – it is still a regular work day for some – some enjoy a day with the kids

11. Next Meeting

- Thursday, February 16, 2017 4:00 p.m.

12. Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.