

AWEC School Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Seminar Room – AWEC

PRESENT:

Steven Schell, Allan Birch, Elizabeth Jefferson, Paula Buxton, Sue Anne Cooper,
Susan Burnie, Rion Microys

REGRETS:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Steven Schell called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

None, although additional topics were discussed after the agenda was worked through and they have been added in New Business

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of April 21, 2016 were reviewed and approved as submitted

BUSINESS ARISING:

- **Chat Function/Chrome Book** – Steven Schell reported that he spoke to Ryan Hainstock about the chat function on the Chrome Books. It seems that it cannot be disabled on the AWEC machines without disabling it on the whole system. Until that problem can be solved the chat function will be enabled on the middle school Chrome Books

PRINCIPALS' UPDATE:

Steven Schell:

- **Council of Atlantic Premiers Meeting** – The Premiers asked to have an event at AWEC. Student Councils were involved. Students were praised for their behaviour. There was a Q&A with the senior students and Stephen McNeil. The whole event went well
- **Staffing** – Due to lower enrolment AWEC has one fewer staff member for 2016/2017 than this year. Beth Trimper will be moving to the middle school level to 7/8 language arts. Some staff will be changing courses.
- **Scheduling** - Middle level classes (except for music and French) will be extended to 80 minutes from the current 40 minutes. This decision is staff supported. The Integrated French program in 2016/2017 will see the Grade 8 students have the increased FLA classes and reduced ELA classes that the program requires. The 2015/2016 Grade 8 classes did not have this. The Integrated French classes are going to be blended for the benefit of the teachers and the Core French students

Allan Birch:

- **AWEC Gives Back Day** – May 13th – The day went well. The volunteers were great, the community offered wonderful helping opportunities. A donation of \$150.00 was made towards AWEC Gives Back Day
- **Grade 8 Math and English Provincial Assessments** – Two 40 minute sessions of testing. The data helps with finding best fits for students. The Track and Field students will have to do some make up testing

- **Grade 6 Nova Scotia Hydro Presentation** – June 6th, this is an annual presentation on water safety. Tyler Cook's dad is the presenter
- **Elementary School Tours** – Students from Champlain Elementary and Clark Rutherford Elementary will be coming for a tour day and there are some extra transition days for students who might benefit from some extra time at AWEC
- **Semi-Formal** – June 10th 6:30
- **Cafeteria Service** – ending June 17th
- **Track and Field Day** – June 22nd
- **Upper Clements Park Day** – June 23rd, Grades 6, 7 and 8. There will be after school activities on this day as well
- **Last Day** – June 29th, it is a half day

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Communication** – Susan Burnie asked if the communication between the two school levels is as good as it could be. Consensus is that communication is fine and we will continue to work together to ensure that it continues
- **Diversity** - Rion Microys asked about the process of diversity and acceptance teaching in the school. Discussion ensued. Counselling of students is only offered by trained school counsellors.

NEXT MEETING:

- September 15, 2016 at 4:00pm

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.