

AWEC SAC Minutes

November 24, 2016 – 4:00 pm

Present: Paula Buxton, Silvia Jonitz, Liz Jefferson, Gail Harvey, Gemma Tompkins, Stephen Schell, Laura Sherman, Georgette Warrington, Ashley Barteaux, Sue Anne Cooper, Georgia Trimper

Regrets: Allan Birch

1. **Call to Order**

- Rion Microys called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

- Agenda approved as submitted

3. **Approval of Minutes**

- October 20, 2016 approved as submitted

4. **Principal's Report**

- Mr. Schell reported that staff have been involved in meetings about the upcoming strike action – Some assessments are on hold (Grade 7) while Grade 10 Math and English are a go, Grade 12 Cumulative Math is a go
- Staff continues to meet regarding Student Success Planning
- Bleachers – arriving January 18th – David Floyd has advised – seat colour is bright red
- Mr. Schell would like to get more participation in the International Student Program – How to get more host families? How can we get the word out? It was suggested that Mr. Schell could take advantage of opportunities when parents are at school functions (band performances) and explain the program to them

5. **Vice Principal's Report**

- Mr. Schell reported that Middle School exploratories went ahead and were successful – Community interest in exploratories continues to grow – In future, International Student leadership in exploratories will be explored

6. **Student Council Reports**

- Middle Level – Georgia Trimper reported that things are slowing down. Some new holiday ideas: Elf on the Shelf in the school, Secret Santa, decorating in the cafeteria – everything is dependent on strike action
- Senior Level – Gemma Tompkins reported that there is a coffee house tonight – November 29th is Sr. Girls volleyball – December plans include: 12 Days of Christmas 6th to 12th, Candygrams, dance, meet Santa, 12 days of give away, a breakfast (open to the Middle School) – Future events include: May 4th dance marathon, Child Miracle Network – everything is dependent on strike action so plans may change. - everyone was supportive of the very active Sr. Council
- Georgia and Gemma left the meeting at 4:30

7. **Student Success Planning**

- **Presentation** - Gail Harvey and Laura Sherman discussed the French Department's Student Success Planning – Mme. Harvey and Mme. Sherman are very happy that there are two French teachers at the school - One of the goals of the French Department is to promote the DELF (Diplôme d'études en langue française) accreditation – There is not much data – 2015 two students wrote it and one passed – Mme. Harvey is DELF certified - There are various levels to DELF tests – A1 is lowest – Gr. 10 students are rough tested at the A2 level – The ideal is to pass a B1 level in Gr. 12 – Between grades 9 and 10 the number of students continuing in Integrated French goes down - 65% continued (9 out of the 14), the goal is to have 75% continue – Parents asked what they could do to support the program – The booklet produced by Canadian Parents for French could be given to parents – Ashley reported that good information is going home to parents
- Mr. Schell reported that they are presenting SSP progress in December at the Administration Meeting – Things are more complicated because assessments are on hold so data will be on hold as well – Teachers are coming up with good ideas

8. **Business Arising**

- Communication – TV connection has been made in the cafeteria,

there is a photo gallery and International Students are featured –
Website: just need more time allocated to it – Mr. Schell hopes to be able to do that soon – Newsletter: still a work in progress –
Handbook: Rion reported that she and Mr. Birch met and are working on content – Mr. Birch has had a lot of positive support and there are people willing to help with formatting and content

- Bleachers – discussed in Principal's Report

9. New Business

- Teachers' strike action – Had a meeting – Going ahead next Friday – There are three courses of action: full strike, rotating strike, job action (loss of extra-curricular activities) – No action looks good – The Union and NS Government are meeting tomorrow – AVRSB will create a website for communication purposes – Alerts will go out to parents with current information
- School sports team fundraising – Ashley looks after funds – Everything raised by a team/sport is attributed to that team sport – Mr. Schell tops up teams that need more financial support, but not by taking away from the funds of other teams/sports – fees go to pay for equipment, uniforms, refs, tournament fees, etc – If parents are concerned about where the money goes they can ask the team manager (some sports have them) or the coach – Coaches are usually happy to have the support of a manager and welcome parent volunteers – The way the sports expenses and fees and fundraising works could be put in a newsletter to keep parents informed

10. Sharing Time

- There was no 'sharing time' question – Ashley reported that she loves that she knows all the students and enjoys seeing them outside of school and seeing their reactions at her life outside AWEC

11. Next Meeting

- Thursday, December 15th 6:00 pm

12. Meeting Adjourned

- Adjourned at 5:42 pm