

AWEC School Advisory Council Minutes
Thursday, October 20, 2016 – 6:00 pm
AWEC Seminar Room

PRESENT:

Stephen Schell, Allan Birch, Georgette Warmington, Rachael Robinson, Chasity Chute, Paula Buxton, Georgia Trimper, Rion Microys

REGRETS:

Gracelyn Longmire

CALL TO ORDER:

Rion Microys called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Mr. Schell asked to have 'Fire Marshall' added under 'Business Arising',
- Georgia Trimper's presentation from Middle Level Student Council was moved up so she could get to the dance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The Minutes of September 22, 2016 were accepted (I know there is as spelling error in there somewhere and I will fix it)

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORTS:

Middle Level – Georgia Trimper – There are a number of upcoming events:

November 25 at 7:00 p.m. the SC will be carolling at the Annapolis Royal Parade of Lights –

November 1 school clothing will be on sale. Georgette asked if the clothing would be advertised on the school website –

November 11 is the school Remembrance Day event, Student Council is participating in the presentation. -

October 27 is pitch a pumpkin day. Kevin at Annapolis Royal Public Works will help with the removal of the aftermath.

Senior Level – no report

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- **Fire Drills** – had the second one today. Went well, everyone out in good time. There are 6 per year.
- **Lock Down Drill** - 2nd was okay. The first one was not successful. Another one is planned
- **Bleachers** – the tenders are out and we are waiting for the bids to close. The plan is to sell the old bleachers and keep the money for other school activities. It could be another month or so before we get new bleachers

- **Provincial Conference Day** – October 28th – an In-Service day for students.
- Mi'kmaq History Month and Breast Feeding Awareness week have been celebrated
- **Duke of Edinburgh Awards** – Monday these awards will be given out with Premier McNeil in attendance
- **Carmelita Johnson** – new staff
- **Food** – there has been a change in food offered at the school for dances. Dances are not supposed to be fundraisers and not with candy. Healthier options are on offer

VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- **Grade 6 Assessments** – routine tests, have been done. Results will be out in the spring
- **Exploratories** – coming up. Dates and instructors will be out soon
- **Library Trip** – Grade 6 coming up
- **Updated Volunteer Process** – Deborah has packages in the office for parents who want to volunteer. If parents are not sure about volunteering they should check in at the office. Paula asked about J-forms for driving to events and the issue of old cars. No one was aware of an older vehicle being an issue. Some parents didn't know about J-forms.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Communication -

- **Newsletter** – staff is working on this. Teachers need to learn the new process and get information to Mr. Birch in a timely manner. Ashley Barteaux is helping with this
- **Website** – a new website is under construction. It can be streamed to the television in the cafeteria. The O2 group is involved in the streaming.
- **Calendar** - It was noted that the calendar on the website has significantly improved in the last month. It is a learning process but everyone is getting up to speed.
- **Handbook** – The current AWEC Handbook is very senior oriented and has not been updated since the unification of the two schools. Paula shared a handout of information that was useful to her. We can build on what we have and add the things that Middle School parents would find informative. Mr. Birch will work with interested parents to create an augmented document.

Fire Marshall -

- Fire Marshall came through last month with an assistant. A deficiency letter was received but it was backdated to the time of the inspections, thus reducing the 30 day time for AWEC to comply by fixing deficiencies. AWEC will be able to fix everything in time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **School Success Plan/NS School Accreditation Program** – Rion asked what kind of planning is being done at AWEC. Mr. Schell is on a working group to plan how schools will be guided through this process, it is out with what was done and the AVRSB is on a new path. There will be goals in various areas like literacy and numeracy and everything will be data based with established baselines. High schools have particular, curriculum specific goals. There is an optional school performance goal within the AVRSB. Questions that are being addressed include: How do we look for progress in grade progression? How do subjects scaffold over the school years? How are students doing in the years after school (post-post exit interviews)? A report will be submitted to the AVRSB by January. Certain areas in question do not have good data and the school board is looking to fix that. Mr. Birch suggested that a teacher in each of the goal areas could come and make a presentation to the SAC to help parents better understand this process.

SHARING TIME:

- **What do you want to get out of our SAC meeting time?** Discussion was held and the consensus was that we would like an informal SAC structure where staff and parents had a place to come together and work toward positive things happening at AWEC. Mr. Birch and Mr. Schell are always available and welcome discussion.

NEXT MEETING:

- Thursday, **November 24th at 4:00 p.m.** – meeting postponed to the 4th Thursday at the request of AWEC staff

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.