

Antigonish Education Centre
School Advisory Council Meeting Notes
February 22, 2021

Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

Record of Attendance:

April Weaver

Jack Beaton

Kim Grant

Morgan MacPherson

Joanie Kennedy

Addition to Agenda: none

Approval of Agenda: Jack Beaton

Approval of Meeting Summary: Kim Grant

Business Arising from Meeting Summary

New Business

- Still seeking members from the school and community. Morgan MacPherson agreed to be our interim chair.
- Discussion around the COVID-19; Jack Beaton gave praise to the work the school has put into making AEC safe for students and preparing the students.
 - Students playing together within their class and building relationships
 - Kids are doing well with wearing their masks. Grade 4s are allowed to have mask breaks in the cafeteria
 - Kids are learning how to have fun in unstructured play, i.e.: the open fields

Principal's Report (see attached)

School Counsellor's Report (see attached)

Set Next Meeting Date, Time: 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 22, 2021

Adjournment: 8:00 pm

Principal's Report to School Advisory Council

I would like to acknowledge that the land on which the Strait Regional Centre for Education operates, for time immemorial is in Mi'k-ma-gee, the ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaw people.

January 21-21: School Pictures – Re-take day is under consideration

January 22: Code Blue Drill

January 22: Global Belly Laugh Day

February is **African Heritage Month**



Provincial and Town Launch shared with all classrooms

Africville story read aloud at our school assembly

Morning announcements have featured past and present prominent Nova Scotians and the history of some of our predominantly African NS Communities

Student artwork

Culturally Responsive Teaching is a goal for our Student Success Plan



Celebrating Chinese New Year

February 1-5 Canadian School Counsellor's Week

February 11-12: Winter Walk Day

February 12: Valentine's Day Activities, no cards from home at the recommendation of NS Public Health, a healthy snack was provided to students P-4

Week of February 22-26: AEC Winter Carnival

Outdoor Physical Activities with St. F. X. student support, Jellybean count, Bingo, Hot Chocolate, Maritime Marionettes virtual presentation, prizes, theme days

February 24: Pink Shirt Day

Ongoing professional development for teaching staff

Beginning of the 2021-22 staffing process

Respectfully submitted, April Weaver

School Counsellor's Report to School Advisory Council

- All grade 3s will have completed the Kids In the Know by March Break. After March Break we will complete the grade 4s. Kids in the Know is a personal safety program that Kim co-facilitates with Cst. MacPherson AEC's school RCMP liaison.
- Virtually presented to a number of teachers in SRCE on Social Emotional Learning to build capacity. Will be presenting to the grade 9 teachers on the Mental Health Curriculum (supplement). Both of these are aligned with the SRCE regional business plan Goal 3: To foster student well-being through the creation of positive, safe and inclusive learning environments with the priority being to Support social, emotional, mental, physical and spiritual wellness among students through positive relationship and the creation of equitable, safe, accessible and inclusive learning environments.
- Possibility of doing a parent session on kids safety on the internet and gaming because of the number of kids identifying playing a variety of games
- Pink Shirt Day is on Feb. 24th and all are encouraged to wear pink.

Lots of great days to celebrate in March:

- March is Nutrition Month as well as Music in Our Schools Month
- Friday, March 1st is World Compliment Day.
- March 3rd is I Want You To Be Happy Day
- March 10th is International Day of Awesomeness
- March 20th is International Day of Happiness - a way to recognize the importance of happiness in the lives of people around the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Grant