

**Antigonish Education Centre
School Advisory Council Meeting Notes
January 17, 2021**

Call to order: 7:00 p.m.
Record of Attendance:

Minutes

Call to order at 7:00pm

Attendance:

April Weaver – Principal
Kim Grant – School Counsellor
Cordis MacDonald – Staff Member
JeanMichel Cote – Parent and Chair

Additions to agenda: None

Mrs. Weaver reviewed the minutes from last meeting (Nov. 15, 2021)

Approved: Kim Grant

Seconded: Jean-Michel Cote

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Jean Michael updated SAC on Before and After Programming

- a contract has been signed with the Pictou County YMCA to be the third party provider
- a job posting for 'Manager Before and After School Program' has been advertised for the SRCE

- Starting in February, if everything goes well
- issue now is the staffing

SAC funding

- 5000.00 + 1.00 per student
- have until June to spend it
- SAC Members are asked to come to the next meeting with suggestions on how to best use the money

Jean Michael will look into some toys, supplies, resources that other countries are using

Principal's Report

- Still looking for an SAC community member
- Due to COVID-19 concerns, student attendance dropped before the holiday so we were not able to have our virtual holiday performances
- Breakfast program will be boosted with new items, cereal program has been postponed due to new COVID-19 strict cohorting in schools
- Cohorting at recess (same 3 classrooms will always be together and rotate through the play areas in the 8-day cycle)

- 60 sleds have been purchased with our Healthy Schools Grant funding. These will support outdoor physical activity/wellness

School Counsellor Report

- Kim Grant and Cst. MacPherson will be delivering Kids in the Know to grade 3 from Jan-Mar
- The Peer Helpers have been helping out with the lunch deliveries and have been very enthusiastic about it
- Days to look forward to
 - Celebration of Life on January 22nd – celebrates children and grandchildren who bring joy to our lives. The day is a reminder that each child and each life is to be held as a precious gift with the highest respect and dignity.
 - Ways to celebrate children:
 - Read a book with a child
 - Get down on the floor and play
 - Build something with your child
 - Play a family board game
 - Bake cookies and decorate them
 - Make popcorn and watch a movie
 - Get out the art supplies and create
 - Sing Karaoke

Global Belly Laugh Day is January 24th

- To go along with the philosophy that all children should be happy, we are going to celebrate Global Belly Laugh Day on Friday with the students either wearing a crazy hat or crazy hair.
- Benefits of laughter: reduces stress, supports a healthy heart, sharpens the mind and it is therapeutic. Laughter is a universal connection.

Things to look forward to in February:

- Safer Internet Day on Feb. 5th
- Pink Shirt Day on Feb. 23rd

Next Meeting – February 28th (because the 21st is a holiday) at 7:00pm

Adjourned:

Motion to Adjourn: Kim Grant

Seconded: Cordis MacDonald