

Antigonish Education Centre
School Advisory Council Meeting Notes
September 27, 2021

Call to order: 7:01 p.m.

Record of Attendance:

April Weaver - Principal
Kim Grant – School Counsellor
Tara Hassin – School Counsellor Intern
Joanie Kennedy – Teacher
JMC- Parent

Addition to Agenda: Questions regarding after school programs

Approval of Agenda: Approved by Kim Grant Seconded by JMC

Approval of Meeting Summary: N/A

Business Arising from Meeting Summary: N/A

New Business

Still seeking members from the school and community to fill the following positions on our Advisory Council

- three (3) parents/guardians
- one support staff member
- three community members which will include one African Nova Scotian member

Discussion around the COVID-19

Practices continued from last year:

- Compete COVID-19 screener upon entering the school
- If sick, stay home, call 811 for advice
- Masks for all staff and students, until Phase 5
- Frequent hand washing, sanitizing
- Cough and sneeze etiquette
- Enhanced cleaning
- Contact tracing

Principal's Report

We are attempting to do some of the activities we have done in previous years, pre-COVID-19

Parents were permitted to enter the building on the first day of school – following safety protocols. This was very successful.

Running Club is underway

Meet the Teacher – postponement due to Phase 4 gathering restrictions
SAC Meetings, will be virtual until Phase 5

Choir – not in term 1, will re-evaluate in term 2

Remembrance Day will be as it was last year - taped ceremony with student contributions that will be shared with each class

Holiday Concert - TBD

Provincial Vaccine Policy and how it will be operationalized for school events – more information forthcoming at the end of this week.

Highlights of September 28, 2021

- Terry Fox Walks in Physical Education class
- 2 Fire Drills completed
- Code Blue upcoming on September 29
- Very nice new books purchased from NS Book Bureau for our diverse population

Upcoming

- October is Mi'kmaw History Month
- Orange Shirt Day, September 29
- Truth and Reconciliation Day – September 30 – ribbon activity on our school fence
- Treaty Day – October 1

School Counsellor's Report

Stand Up Against Bullying Day was held on September 9

Our school counsellors visited every classroom to share a bucket-filling activity.

International Day of Peace was September 21

Activities included the story “What Does Peace Feel Like?” and a yoga activity.

Conversations with classes included the importance of repairing damaged relationships.

This ties in well with our Truth and Reconciliation activity – each class received a set of orange ribbons to tie in a heart-shaped section of our school fence.

The PATHs program is being promoted (Social Emotional Learning) and we are emphasizing the difference between school rules and home rules.

PEER Helpers is underway this year. 50+ grade 4 students have expressed interest. These students will help with special jobs around our school.

Upcoming events include World Smile Day and Thanksgiving

Addition to the Agenda

Consideration for afterschool programming

A group of parents have expressed concern about the lack of available after school programming/daycare in the community. There is information on the NS DOEECD website about Before and After School Programming (BAP) that is offered in some schools in the province. They will be seeking answers to the following questions:

Are many other families facing the same childcare challenges?

Can a BAP program be initiated in our community?

This item will be added to next month's agenda for updates.

Set Next Meeting Date, Time: 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 18, 2021

Adjournment: 7:45 pm

Moved by Kim Grant, Seconded by Joanie Kennedy

Respectfully submitted, April Weaver