

## **Antigonish Education Centre School Advisory Council**

### **Meeting Summary**

**Monday, October 21, 2019**

1. Call to Order

7:00pm

2. Record of Attendance

A. Weaver, J. Beaton, L. Mansfield, C. MacPherson, T. Morigan, N. Baden-Clay, D. Verkoeijen, K. MacKinnon, A. Chisholm

Regrets: M. Macgillivray, K. Grant

3. Additions to Agenda

Item 6.2 By Laws and Letter of agreement added

Item 7.2 Guidance Report omitted, K.Grant absent

4. Approval of Agenda

Approved

5. Approval of Meeting Summary from September 16, 2019

A. Weaver wants "more is needed" struck from p.3 of Sept. summary - approved

6. Business Arising from Meeting Summary

6.1 Action Item: Letter to Minister re: EAL Supports

Catherine sent an email to Lynn Casey, SRCE Student Equity Consultant. Ms. Casey replied that she forwarded the email to SRCE's EAL Coordinator. She stated that the school will continue to support all students according to regular school programming and specialized supports. As the school year evolves and school profiles are examined, further consultation will occur. Ms. Casey also asked the SAC to consider inviting her to any of our meetings.

Catherine did not send a letter to the minister, as April contacted her to hold off, as there is a new system of support for students coming into place, the need for EAL support would be addressed, and April will explain that through item 7.4 on the agenda

## 6.2 By Laws and Letter of Agreement

A.Weaver informed us there was a new template we had to use for By Laws and Letter of Agreement (LOA), possibly tied to funding. Confusion over wording in template. J.Beaton curious about what “geographical area” means. **ACTION** – A.Weaver to find out what constitutes “geographical area” for AEC.

Discussion about diversity on board. N.Baden-Clay concerned about tokenism.

Discussion about if it was format or content that was the problem with submitted By Laws and LOA. **ACTION** – A.Weaver to invite Wanda to attend our next SAC meeting to clarify By Law and LOA questions.

## 7. New Business

### 7.1 Principal’s Report

with 7.3 SRCE System Improvement and Educational Business Plans for 2019-2020 and 7.4 Multi-Tiered System of Support

A.Weaver gave power point presentation on new Multi-Tiered System of Support. Concerns how the school delivers support/services to students. 3 Tiered system = 1. Whole group, 2. Small Group, 3. Individual supports. Hope to have as few students need level 3 as possible. Next steps are finding which tier each AEC student falls in to determine supports needed on school level.

Discussion about implementation of program, teacher professional development and staffing as a result of program.

A.Weaver applying for grant to support ELI leveled reading kits training in support of student success plan

Beaver Mountain running meet ended successful term for Running Club

Choir up and running, will perform for veterans at St.Martha’s in November

Planning underway for Remembrance Day – still booking speakers, usually on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> but needs to be confirmed

Planning for Holiday concerts – hoping for three afternoons instead of four this year

Nourish Your Roots fundraiser brought in >\$2000 for breakfast program with 254 boxes of produce sold

7.5 End of Chartwell’s cafeteria services contract June 2020 – discussion on shaping the future of school food (with Karen MacKinnon, Nourish Nova Scotia)

C.MacPherson emailed Chris Grover (SRCE Finance) re: Chartwell's contract and consultations. Reply came that Request for Proposals would be put out on Provincial tendering site in "early 2020" and they would be consulting various school communities. Not clear when consultations would take place.

Discussion with K. MacKinnon about school food policy, new food guide, healthy options, how to ensure consultation happens. **ACTION** – C.MacPherson to email Chris Grover back to express wish to be on consultation list.

#### 7.6 Parents' concerns regarding allotted time children have to eat lunch

C.Macpherson raised issue of parental concern brought forward on Facebook (aprx. 20 parents commented) about amount of time children had to eat lunch. A.Weaver said kids have 15minutes to eat lunch after a 25min. outside play time. AEC has longest lunch time in region. L.Mansfield added teachers often give students an extra few minutes at the end to finish up, so often more like 20min. A.Weaver says lunch times are hard to schedule with appropriate supervision and hard to manage. Some kids take longer than others to eat, but unable to increase time given any further.

#### 8. Public Input

None

#### 9. Set next meeting date, time

Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00pm

#### 10. Adjournment

8:30pm