

AEC School Advisory Meeting  
Sept. 11, 2017

1. Call to Order: 7:02 by A. Weaver.

2. Record of Attendance: K. Regnier, M. Fraser, T. Landry, N. Baden-Clay, K. Grant, S. Spencer, K. Chisholm, M. Spearin

3. Additions to Agenda:

- 7.6 Mental Health Parent Support Group

4. Approval of Agenda:

**M. Fraser/K. Chisholm/Carried as amended**

5. Adoption of Minutes:

- Add the word Proud (bottom of page 1)
- Pg. 2 third line, change M. Walker to M. Fraser

**K. Grant/S. Spencer/carried as amended**

6. Business arising from the minutes:

- Discussion around when another school review could take place. A. Weaver will check this out.
- 6.1.1 Christmas Concerts
  - becoming a greater challenge
  - staff not obligated to come after the school day
  - some students require the need for a teacher assistant (we need to be inclusive)
  - some sparkle/shine lost with not having an evening performance
  - daytime concerts lessen the pressure of the choir to come every night.
  - K. Regnier said she has not heard any issues from parents that she has talked to about it.
  - possibly some issues with parking, security with parents possibly wandering around the building during the instructional day.
  - maybe Antigonish Transit might be able to shuttle some folks from Superstore down to ease burden of parking.

-A. Weaver pointed parents signing out students en masse after a day concert could pose a problem but K. Chisholm said parents would have to follow regular school day rules.

-M. Fraser also mentioned that parents with younger students would have access to daycare which they would not in the evenings.

-We will also need to communicate clearly to parents about expectations for dress.

- 6.1.2 Council to Improve Classroom Conditions

- teachers have a 48 hour window in which to respond to emails from parents.

- teachers will let parents know how they will be communicating with them.

- our methods of assessment do not mesh well with gradebook. Some may still use it but are not obligated to. Report cards will still be in gradebook.

- 6.1.3 Attendance Policy

- still in draft form

## 7. New Business

- 7.1 OHS Concerns

- OHS concerns are discussed at the monthly OHS meetings and documented and are brought up at Facilities Management Meetings between Ashford and the Board.

- K. Chisholm talked about the issue with the transformer box and drainage in the back yard. A. Weaver said it is an on-going problem. The DOEECD sent their engineers in and they do not like the situation out back either.

- M. Walker said that there are lots of ways to address the issue with curbing around the transformer box, etc. She said this kind of situation would never be tolerated in an industrial situation. She questioned whether an OHS audit could be asked for. A. Weaver said she would approach Karen MacDonald who is our OHS contact at the Board level.

- 7.2 Positions, Chair and Secretary

- Chair, tabled until October meeting

- Secretary: Tammy Landry

- 7.3 Contact Information sheet

- handed around to the members present

- 7.4 Principals Report
- 7.4.1 Student Success Plan School Report
  - A. Weaver reviewed the SSP year-end report. She said this would be the last year for this report template
  - K. Regnier asked about adequate physical education time for assisting student needs. A. Weaver replied that it is hard to measure physical education as goals come from data. Grade 3's and 4's are doing the morning walk and grade 2's are now having an afternoon walk. There was a suggestion about keeping track of laps for the Terry Fox Walk.
  - S. Spencer commented on the definite gaps in physical education. She has some ideas about increasing physical activity and will bring these ideas to our October meeting.
- 7.4.2 Start to School Year
  - no glitches after the first cycle
  - no one driving over the pylons yet this year
  - a concern still exists about students being let out of drivers' side of cars in the parking lot.
  - no bus issues thus far but will still have circles painted.
  - M. Fraser commented on the fact that parents are not communicated with when bus routes change and how do they find out this information. A. Weaver will check into the communication to parents from the Board.
  - AEC encourages parents to contact the Transportation Department of the board.
  - M. Fraser said that bus information should be pre-populated in power school. She also discussed a particular bus run that was having 4 students in a seat. This will be followed up by the principal.
  - A. Weaver stated it would be helpful if the school had a list of bus routes with drop off and pick up times.
- 7.4.3 Upcoming Events
  - Meet the Teacher Sept. 14, 2017
  - Stand Up Against Bullying Day Sept. 14, 2017
  - Terry Fox Walk Sept. 28, 2017
  - Picture Day Sept. 26, 2017
- 7.5 Guidance Report
  - Hoping to have a peace sign made up by our students for the 21<sup>st</sup> of September on the International Day of Peace.

- Bucket filling review and bucket filling activities with primaries and parents are scheduled.
- PATHS (5<sup>th</sup> yr of implementation) Coaching grade fours this year plus any new teachers to the building.
- Peer Helpers: had a great turnout. Students will be assisting with the breakfast program this year due to the changes in the lunch schedules
- Big Brother Big Sisters: anyone already paired up will stay paired up. There is in school mentoring available for grades 1 and up.
- World Smile Day on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, wear your yellow 😊
- 7.6 Mental Health Parent Support Group
  - K. Regnier talked about the Jordan Myles Foundation and that Michelle March is heading up a support group. A poster will be put up in the school.
  - K. Regnier would like to put Booster Seat Education on October's agenda.
- 8. Next Meeting
  - October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm
- 9. Adjournment
  - M. Fraser/Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Tammy Landry