

April 24, 2024

SAC Meeting

In attendance: Sarah Shea, Kellie Morriarty, Matthew Connor, Chris Peters, Aayan Rizwan, Oliver Feltham

Items:

Item	Details
Review of previous meeting minutes	SS – Reviewed previous meeting minutes. KM – motioned to approve, MC seconded. Motion carried.
Student Success Survey	SS – Reviewed the purpose and use of the student success survey. Discussion on the time it takes to fill in the survey and its importance.
Extra Funding	Letter from Minister has been received. It announced an opportunity to apply for a \$10,000 grant to fund innovative projects. School would need to submit a letter. It was noted that it was unclear about how funding would be approved, or the time frame. Also, that this funding would be for the next school year. A future discussion about other uses would be needed.
School Photography	Lifetouch Photography has been in touch about school photography. Currently the school uses Paul Adams and has for several years. Noted there is no cost for the school, but the school does get printed photos of each student to keep in the office with current provider. Importance of looking at other providers for best value. Suggestion on contacting both prospective providers for detailed quotes.  <b>Actions: Principal to contact both prospective providers.</b>
Wellbeing	Barb Adams has donated \$2,000 after the incident earlier in the year to help student's mental health and wellbeing. Was used to provide a trip for Grade 7 students to go bowling, and feedback from students was positive. Learning Centre students were also able to participate in this activity with their classmates.
Cell Phones	The Regional Centre is having a thought exchange on the use of cell phones. It was noted by members that there are issues with student maturity with cell phone use, however current rules make it difficult to enforce as it is private property. Also noted that with the provision of Chromebooks, the 'need' for cell phones is not there. The possibility of withholding privileges (e.g., reduced access to sports teams) for students who refuse to follow the school rules on cell phones was discussed as a possible avenue in the future. Was also discussed that there were students who have purposely used their phones to record staff and students without consent. The Regional Centre will be coming up with a new plan/policy.
Girls Basketball	Girls Basketball team have won their division; however, the sports federation does not give banners to any division other than Division 1. Discussion about how to pushback on this policy towards the School Athletic Federation, and what role students can play.  <b>Action: Principal will consult with L. Gordon about Girls Basketball team writing to their MLA and the federation.</b>

Fire Extinguishers	Updated that the fire extinguishers had been checked by Operations and were all in date. Thanks, given to Oliver F. and their fellow students for being diligent in checking.
Student fees	SS – Discussion about student fees. The request for fees has been submitted to Central Office. Parents are told about what the fees are used towards, and there are provisions for those who may require financial assistance.
AOB	SS – Looking at next meeting to be on May 29 <sup>th</sup> , 4PM at Boondocks as a thank you to the SAC.