

**Whycocomagh Education Centre School Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 23, 2018**

Present: Stephanie Brushett, Fiona MacEachern, Val MacEachern, Rick Welton, Eryn Sinclair

Regrets: Lindsey MacInnis

1. Call to order – Rick Welton called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm
2. Approval of Agenda - Val made a motion for approval. Seconded by Stephanie
3. Approval of Previous Minutes – Val made a motion for approval. Seconded by Stephanie
  - Amendment – Inquiry Project - \$5000 rather than \$8000
4. Business from Previous Minutes
  - i) Christmas Dinner – bill for cost sharing provided to CPAT (\$182.50).
  - The bill has been passed along to the Treasurer.
5. Special reports or presentations
  - a) Principal's Report
    - (a) Pre-Primary registration - 6 students
      - (i) They will be located in the current grade three room
    - (b) Primary Orientation – 9 students attended and the day went well.
    - (c) Staffing meetings are happening this week. We will have our staffing numbers this week and permanent staff receive their assignments by April 30.
    - (d) Grade 8 – end of year celebrations and trip
      - (i) Meetings to start within the next couple of weeks.
      - (ii) Grade 7 parents put on a dinner for the Grade 8's.
      - (iii) Celebration will be on June 22<sup>nd</sup> with dance to follow
      - (iv) Field trip will be on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) Playground Committee Report
    - (a) The main initiatives right now are as follows:
      - (i) Fundraising – About \$16000 has been raised at this point including community contributions, cookie dough fundraiser, Vesey's fundraiser and one grant approval (TD Friends of the Environment).

- (ii) The committee would like to meet with Paul Landry in order to clarify the process of putting forward a plan for tender and how to include Natural Playground elements in this plan.
- (iii) A meeting took place with municipal counsellor John MacLennan who took a number of letters with him for meetings (Allan MacMaster, Rodger Cuzner, Jim Mustard, AnnaLee MacEachern, East Coast Credit Union). He is going to look further into funding that is available for projects like ours.
- (iv) A decision was made to contact Cobequid Consulting once again to do up a drawing/plan for our outdoor spaces. This will give us something visual to work with.
- (v) We had confirmation that we will take on the Strawberry Tea during the summer festival as a fundraiser.

6. School Improvement – next update in May

- a. School Climate – Culturally Responsive Pedagogy - Restorative Approaches – use of circles for both teaching and classroom discussion.
- b. Math – demonstrating an understanding of the strategies used to solve math word problems. Our math mentor provided exemplars for each grade to use as guides.
- c. Literacy – organization in writing. Focus on ways to generate and organize ideas.

7. Events at the School –

- a. Grade 7 and 8 students went to NSCC as part of their Technology class. They saw many of programs that are on offer.
- b. Book Fair – well supported. Colleen received a significant credit for the school library.
- c. Inservice – April 27
- d. Admin – Dr. Stan Kutcher – April 30. Monday night. Culturally Responsive teaching focus.
- e. Badminton – coming up on May 1. Four teams – Bayview, TEC, Richmond, WEC.
- f. Earth Day – Council of All Beings – Grades P-3
- g. Track practice has started
- h. WE Walk for Water – WE Day committee global goal – walk will be on Thursday
- i. May 14/15 – X Chem coming to WEC.
- j. Drama – Working on three folktales. Hoping to present them to the community the third week in May.
  - i. Planning to have a fundraiser the same evening.

8. New Business:

- 9. Next meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month is Victoria Day so Tuesday, May 22 at 6 pm.