

**Whycocomagh Education Centre School Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**January 22, 2018**

Present – Mike MacAulder, Stephanie Brushett, Lindsey MacInnis, Jason Bernard, Rick Welton, Joanne Ellis, Fiona MacEachern, Val MacEachern, Eryn Sinclair

1. Call to order – Rick Welton called the meeting to order at 6 pm.
2. Approval of Agenda – Joanne made a motion for approval, Seconded by Val.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes – Rick made a motion for approved, Seconded by Lindsey.
4. Business from Previous Minutes
  - i. Christmas Dinner – A bill for cost sharing was provided to CPAT (\$182.50) from Anne Marie. The bill will be passed along to Danielle for payment.
  - ii. Fundraising
    - (a) Frozen cookie dough/muffin batter Fundraiser - \$862.00 profit
    - (b) School Cookbook – An update on the progress of the cookbook will be provided at the next meeting.
5. Council Members – The committee still needs a chairperson to run meetings.
6. Special reports or presentations
  - i) Principal's Report
    - (a) The November meeting had only 2 people in attendance so no meeting was held. Weather was a factor in attendance.
    - (b) Early dismissal plans – In summary, the following are dismissal/bus times for a SRSB dismissal starting @ 12:00 -
      - (i) BEC - 11:45 (for the one bus which has students who need to get to Dalbrae to meet a WEC bus; rest of BEC students would be 12:00)
      - (ii) Dalbrae - 12:00
      - (iii) 12:00 - Ken Hunter (Sky Glenn, Route 252, MacInnis Rd and Lake Ainslie)
      - (iv) 12:00 – Waycobah first run
      - (v) 12:30 – all other WEC students

A request was made that beyond calling all P-3 students to see if someone is home at early dismissal we should call/text or tweet a second time if there is going to be a delay. It would also be helpful if the initial Texts/Tweets that go out could include more detail about timing. Timing information (as above) could be sent out in a notice to parents.

- (c) Grade 6 Provincial Assessment Results – The current Grade 6 class did very well. Grade 8's write at the end of May/beginning of June.
- (d) Heritage Fair – This will be run in an after school club format. Students will have a choice as to whether they want to participate. A note will be going home this week.

Teachers will run the after school club to work on their project. Regional fair is at the end of April. Next year will be Science Fair.

- (e) Student Support Grant - #2. This is funding that was from the NSTU strike day last year. A 'one-time' amount \$4722.97 was received.
  - (i) Team shirts – \$547.43
  - (ii) Sports/breakfast – \$26.35
  - (iii) Flaghouse – sports/playground equipment - \$2263.86
  - (iv) Remaining - \$1885 - TBD – must fall within acceptable categories

Ideas: Lighting for stage. More activities for winter outdoors – coloured spray bottles, rink, snow block maker, snowball targets.

- (f) Student Support Grant #1 – This is provided each year. It is used to help pay for bussing for class trips as well as any special presentations we have .

Student Support Grant funds are to be used for initiatives a school would normally fundraise for, with a direct benefit to students (e.g., class trips, student competitions, team uniforms, or guest speakers). These funds are not intended for resources or activities that a school would not normally fundraise for (e.g., teacher resources).

- 7. School Improvement – An update will be provided at next meeting.
  - a. 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. Update that all students in the school have completed two grade appropriate word problems and will be reassessed at the end of the year.
  - c. Literacy – organization in writing. Update that teachers/students are focusing on learning and following the writing process.
- 8. Events at the School – Parents can refer to the website, calendar and/or newsletter for updates.
  - a. Christmas concert music program – This was well attended. \$802.85 was collected at the door.

Discussion around ties on chairs. Clarification that this is necessary under fire code.

- b. Christmas Craft Market - \$735.11 collected at door to be put in the school's general fund.
- c. Grade Primary Registration is this week - Primary Orientation is April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Grade 5-8 Ukelele String Band – Day E – run by Peter

- e. Grade 3-8 Drama – Thursdays beginning January 25.
- f. Badminton with grades 6 – 8 – Boys are on Monday and girls on Wednesday.

9. New Business

- a. Playground:
  - i. A committee is needed to assist with decision-making. The following people volunteered to be on this committee: Fiona, Stephanie, Lindsey, Joanne and Jason. This group will meet after the February meeting.
  - ii. Students will be going room to room to ask students what they would like to have as part of their play area. These students can also ask about what might be fun/useful to purchase/make for outdoor winter activities.
  - iii. Information will be included in the February newsletter.
  - iv. Suggestion was made to look into warranties on equipment/installation work.
  - v. Suggestion to use patio stones rather than or along with gravel in the greenhouse to inhibit weed growth.
  - vi. A proposal has been submitted to TD Friends of the Environment for \$8000 toward the greenhouse, garden beds and Natural Playground elements.

**10. Next meeting will be February 26 @ 6pm**