

Whycocomagh Education Centre School Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2018

Present – Jason Bernard, Val MacEachern, Fiona MacEachern, Shelley MacLean, Eryn Sinclair, Stephanie Brushett

Regrets – Donna MacInnis, Lindsey MacInnis, Jo-Ann Ellis

1. Call to order – Val MacEachern called the meeting to order at 6:06
2. Approval of Agenda – Stephanie made a motion for approval. Seconded by Jason
3. Approval of Previous Minutes – Val made a motion for approval. Seconded by Jason
4. Business from Previous Minutes
 - i) Christmas Dinner – The bill for cost sharing provided to CPAT (\$182.50) has been passed along to the treasurer.
5. Special reports or presentations
 - a) Principal's Report:
 - (a) Pre-Primary registration now open for WEC – March 19 – 23. More information re Pre-Primary can be found on the SRSB website as well as the WEC website
 - (b) Inquiry Project – Vicky MacLellan was asked to be on Provincial Committee for Development of Grades 7-8 curricula. As a result, the school was awarded a Program Grant for Grade 7 and 8 curricula renewal – this one time innovation grant of \$8,000 is to support inquiry based learning opportunities
 - b) Playground Committee:
 - (a) The main initiatives right now are as follows:
 - (i) A funding letter has been printed to take to businesses and organizations. Committee members will circulate these this week.
 - (ii) Two grant proposals are underway (Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund and Canada Post Community Fund)
 - (iii) Fundraisers have been discussed. Stephanie compiled a comprehensive list of possibilities to be reviewed. At the next meeting we'll decide on a spring fundraiser.
 - (iv) A second meeting/tour took place with Cobequid Consulting. They are in the process of putting together a site plan for our school including playground elements in a few places on our school property.

(v) Shelley is looking into the process we need to follow within School Board policy/experience and funding/support that may be available through the Board.

6. School Improvement – next update will be in April
 - 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
 - c. Literacy – organization in writing

7. Events at the School –
 - a. Winter Carnival – Happened the week before March Break. P-4 will complete their half day later this week. 5-8 was completed. Lots of fun.
 - b. Dance may be this Thursday, March 22nd. Will be announced if going ahead.
 - c. Marking Day – March 23
 - d. Primary Orientation – April 3
 - e. Report Card Day – April 4
 - f. Parent Teacher – April 5
 - g. Heritage Fair – waiting for decision to be made at the Board level. Note will then go home about the Heritage Fair club.

8. New Business
 - a. Suggestion made to have a financial report at the end of the year regarding CPAT funds.
 - b. Graduation trip and night – Shelley will ask Lori and Rick about plans for this year.

9. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

10. Next meeting – 3rd Monday of the month – April 16 @ 6pm