

# **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 12, 2022**

**6:00 pm**

**Tatamagouche Regional Academy**

**PRESENT:** Jennifer MacDonald, Charlotte Campbell, James Flynn, Helen Blaikie, Kimberly Eisnor-Read, Erin Pope, Reg Delorey, Laura Whitman, Eric MacKeen, Anne DeAdder, Olga Romanowsky, Bryn Stewart

**REGRETS:** Melissa Rubin

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Eric called the meeting to order and gave a verbal Agenda. Minutes were circulated via email prior to the meeting and there were no errors or omissions identified. Eric approved them as read.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- 1.) Letters on three issues identified during June's meeting are in the works. Clarification on whether the issues remain relevant and important (in other words, there were no changes over the summer) was made and Olga and Eric will continue to work on them.
- 2.) The letters for the Gym Dedication (Creighton Court) are in the school, but not yet mounted.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** Please see separate attachment for full report.

**Discussion resulting from Report:** New Physical Education teacher, Anne Armstrong, is organizing the Terry Fox Run. The date is September 23. Jennifer is awaiting communication on the number of volunteers needed. SAC members will direct anyone interested in volunteering to contact the school.

The SAC By-laws were given out to SAC members. Members are encouraged to read them over and bring any comments/suggestions to Eric via email.

Grade 6 student member needs to be chosen for the Elementary School student representative. Helen will look into this.

The Mustang Newsletter has a template and should be ready for circulation by the end of September. Eric will find out the cost involved for circulation via mail and figure out viable financing for distribution. Electronic copy of the newsletter will also be available on the TRA website and Facebook page.

Class sizes and staffing were discussed, and like last year, there will be necessary changes to class configurations in the Elementary School due to some class counts being at or close to the "hard cap" number. This is one issue that a letter will address to the CCRCE, as the date on which the school population is counted is not working and causing for the second year in a row, disruption and uncertainty for both students and staff.

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:** Bryn Stewart listed the names of the Student Council Executive. She is sharing the presidency with Josie Cameron and she and Josie will

take turns attending SAC meetings and representing the High School. A first meeting is scheduled for this week and class reps need to be chosen. A Welcome Week is being planned to take place this month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1.) The "Meet & Greet" date is set for September 21 and the SAC will be present. The goal is to make the SAC visible to parents and community members and to generate interest in volunteering with TRA. Volunteer packages will be available and a list with names/contact information started. Pamphlets on the SAC and its role in schools was handed out and will be available as take home information. A Scholastic Book Fair will also be occurring at the event and volunteers for both the Book Fair and the SAC information table are welcome.

2.) Rec Centre funds: James brought up the SAC funds that have been paid in previous years for the use of the Rec Centre field. Eric deferred discussion on this until October.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None. Eric's CCRCE email address was dismantled and he is waiting on his address for this current school year.

**PUBLIC RESPONSE:** None

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The date of future meetings is moved back to the first Monday of the month, with the next meeting scheduled for **October 3, 2022**. The meeting was adjourned with the motion made by James.