

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

March 9, 2023

6:00 pm

Tatamagouche Regional Academy

PRESENT: Jennifer MacDonald, Heidi Ayles, James Flynn, Eric MacKeen, Anne DeAdder, Erin Pope, Reg Delorey, Olga Romanowsky

REGRETS: Melissa Rubin, Helen Blaikie, Emily Esau, Laura Whitman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Eric handed out the agenda and called the meeting to order. Minutes had been sent via email prior to the meeting and as there were no errors or omissions identified, they were approved as read.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- TRA website is updated
- Heather Kowenburg has returned as Vice Principal
- Melissa was not present to report on technology information update. This item will be moved to next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Eric received an email re potential soccer program in Tatamagouche. Please refer to New Business.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Please see attached document

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT: Student Council/High School representative was not present. Jennifer reported that Winter Carnival activities had occurred with dress up days and lunch time activities.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) Funding has been restored for technology devices for every student in grades 7-12. When it comes through, SAC will follow up with a thank you letter, as this was a concern addressed in a letter to CCRCE from the SAC in November, 2022.

B.) Eric received a letter from Cory Avery, who represents "A" Series Football (soccer) for Under-4 and Under-12 groups in the New Glasgow area. He communicated his interest in expanding the soccer program to other communities and asked if he could make a presentation to the SAC for a potential Tatamagouche program. Eric will connect with him and invite him to the April SAC meeting.

C.) Student enrolment and staff numbers are unchanged from last meeting. It was unknown whether CCRCE has implemented our suggestion to base TRA staffing numbers on student population at this time rather than last September, as we indicated in a letter to them last fall. Eric will follow up on this.

D.) SAC funds were discussed and ideas for their use will be asked of staff by both Jennifer and James. Erin suggested a “gaga ball” court for the playground, as students have constructed their own makeshift one, which indicates that it would be welcomed by students. This idea was met with agreement from SAC members.

PUBLIC RESPONSE: None

NEXT MEETING: April 3, 2023

***Olga is unable to attend April’s meeting and is asking for another SAC member to record the Minutes in her absence. Volunteers can contact her.**

ADJOURNMENT: James moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Anne.