

# **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 8, 2024**

**6:00pm**

**Tatamagouche Regional Academy**

**PRESENT:** Jennifer MacDonald, Heidi Ayles, Helen Blaikie, James Flynn, Eric MacKeen, Anne DeAdder, Reg Delorey, Erin Pope, Laura Whitman, Melissa Rubin, Caius MacDonald and Olga Romanowsky.

**REGRETS:** Kimberley Isnor-Reade

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Eric called the meeting to order and distributed the agenda. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as read, with James moving the motion and Erin seconding it.

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

Regarding SAC membership, Jennifer is still awaiting information on any changes—if there are any to come. The directives from the province are yet to be announced/communicated.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None received. In support of an issue brought forth by Jennifer in the Principal's Report, regarding a teaching staff position that has not been filled for several months, Eric and Olga will write a letter to express the SAC's concern and the need for the position to be filled.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Please refer to separate document

## **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:**

Caius reported on a rather quiet time, after the dances and Christmas Index fundraiser in December. Plans for a Winter Carnival will begin soon, to occur before March Break.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**-SAC Membership** was previously discussed under Business Arising. See above.

**-SAC Innovation Fund:** Eric identified a one-time grant that is being offered to SACs, in the amount of \$10,000.00, for which applications must be submitted and approved. More information is needed and Eric will share it once he receives it.

**-Financial Report:** Eric distributed the SAC financial report for this year. Several teachers have made requests for SAC funds, but there is still more to be given to those in need. James has agreed to approach staff for a list of requests and we can revisit the issue next meeting. In the meantime, Heidi is tracking down the information regarding the GAGA ball court costs, to ensure that SAC funds were used, as had been agreed upon. Jennifer identified the need for procuring another storage bookcase for literary supplies, as a possible project for SAC funds. And Ms. Armstrong has made a request

for financial support for purchasing new sleds. With winter already here, it was put to a vote and decided that \$250.00 of SAC funds will be used to meet this goal. The motion for approval was moved by Erin and seconded by Anne. And finally, as has been the practice for a few years, the SAC will make a \$2000.00 contribution to the North Shore Recreational Centre for the use of its fields and track. James made the move to carry the motion and was seconded by Anne.

**-Donations:** Erin mentioned being approached by a community member who asked how one might make a donation to the school. After some discussion, SAC members were advised to direct any similar requests to the TRA office, where the process can be explained, regarding tax receipts, where the funds could go to meet a particular need, etc. Also, it was decided that the TRA Newsletter could have in it a list of the clubs and programs that are running, as well as a mention of where to go/how one might be able to make donations.

**-Newsletter:** Reports coming from the community are positive and there have been requests for more frequent newsletters. Jennifer is going to touch base with Ms. King-Tower about the status of the next one.

**PUBLIC RESPONSE:**

None

**NEXT MEETING:** February 5, 2024

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned, moved by James.