

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

January 9, 2023

6:00 pm

Tatamagouche Regional Academy

PRESENT: Jennifer MacDonald, Charlotte Campbell, Eric MacKeen, Anne DeAdder, James Flynn, Heidi Ayles, Melissa Rubin, Erin Pope, Kimberley Isnor-Reade, Emil Esau, Olga Romanowsky

REGRETS: Reg Delorey, Helen Blaikie, Laura Whitman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Eric called the meeting to order and the Agenda was handed out. It was reviewed and no other new business was added. James moved for the Agenda to be approved and Anne seconded the motion. The Minutes for December's meeting were distributed via email previously and they were approved as read.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

-Cheque for NSRC has been issued.

-Librarian has been notified of the SAC's decision to contribute **funds to library needs**.

-Author visit was a success and two more authors are scheduled for future dates.

-Mustang Mail continues to receive positive feedback.

-School televisions have been showing activities as per the **goal to enhance communication between TRA and students/parents**. A plan is in place to further this goal through a weekly email to parents with the same information included.

-Melissa plans to look into **technology grant opportunities** and will give report at next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: See attached file

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT: Christmas dance was a success with lots of enthusiasm shown by the elementary students. Plans to have another dance that includes the elementary students at an earlier time and the high school students right after are in the works for Valentine's Day, since it went so well. Christmas Index program went well and Christmas dress up days happened before the Holiday Break began. Hoping to have Winter Carnival events before March Break.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Current website for TRA is now the first one to come up on a Google search, which will cause less confusion.

2.) Heather Kowenburg is returning to her position as Vice Principal after a maternity leave. Charlotte Campbell was recognized for her contributions to the SAC while she filled the role of Vice Principal. She is always welcome to attend SAC meetings!

3.) Emily identified the challenge of completing homework and assignments at home that require the use of a computer. Discussion ensued on how TRA could remedy this and support students who do not have access to technology at home. Jennifer will bring the issue up at the next staff meeting to see what would work best for everyone.

PUBLIC RESPONSE: None

NEXT MEETING: February 6, 2023

ADJOURNMENT: James moved to adjourn the meeting.