

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

May 1st, 2023

6:00 pm

Tatamagouche Regional Academy

PRESENT: Jennifer MacDonald, Heather Kouwenburg, Heidi Ayles, James Flynn, Helen Blaikie, Eric MacKeen, Anne DeAdder, Erin Pope, Melissa Rubin, Laura Whitman, Emily Essau, Olga Romanowsky

REGRETS: Reg Delorey, Kimberly Isnor-Reade

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Eric handed out the Agenda and called the meeting to order. The Agenda was approved as read, with the motion made by James and second by Laura. Minutes had been sent via email prior to the meeting and as there were no errors or omissions identified, they were approved as read, with the motion to carry moved first by Anne and second by James.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- 1.) **Funding Requests:** SAC members responded to Eric quickly with their approval of how the SAC funds will be spent and plans are underway. Jennifer is going to contact Home Hardware about the materials needed for the "Buddy Bench".
- 2.) **Protocol for Contacting SAC:** There is question regarding how a person might contact the SAC and whether a formal process exists and is clear to the public. Heidi said the TRA website has clear links to the SAC, with information stating that questions and concerns can be brought to the SAC Chairperson. Eric's contact information is listed, as well as a list of roles and responsibilities of the SAC.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT: Emily reported that the dance went well, particularly well attended by the grades 4-6. SC is deciding about having one more dance before the Junior Jig, which is scheduled for June 1st. The prom is being held off site and is being planned by the community rather than TRA. Elections for next year's SC will soon be underway.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Next week is 'Teacher Appreciation Week' and the SAC members will bring baked goods/treats (from their own pockets, not with SAC funds) to TRA staff rooms on different days, to express appreciation for the TRA teachers. This will be organized loosely via email.
- 2.) Eric reported that an online 50/50 event is set up under "Rafflebox" for the Ron Creighton Foundation. The draw date is once per month, on the first Monday. The funds will go to the Foundation.

3.) James acknowledged the very sad news of TRA grade 11 student, Nate MacLeod's recent death. Jennifer reported that support for both staff and students has been good, provided by both NSTU and Student Services Staff and School Psychologists. There are no external support workers at TRA currently, but phone call support continues as needed.

PUBLIC RESPONSE: NONE

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 5, 2023

* Olga will not be available next meeting to record Minutes. Melissa has volunteered to cover the secretary duties in her absence.

MEETING ADJOURNED: James moved for the meeting to be adjourned and Anne seconded the motion.