

**SIR CHARLES TUPPER SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Tues, Apr 4th, 2017 @ 6pm
Library ~ 1930 Cambridge Street, Halifax, N.S
Agenda**

1) Call to Order and Welcome

- a. Patricia, Katie, Erica P, Andrea, Chris, Michelle, Jack

2) Approval of Minutes /Additions to the Agenda

3) Principal/Vice-Principal updates

- a. Patricia shared that we have had 5 new students register since March break, 2 in grade 3 and 2 in grade 5. 22 in-area primary students registered for next year with 15 out of area requests. Spring concert will be on April 25th. Slowly getting things back on track with staff meetings, trips, etc. after Work to Rule. Intramurals and choir practice have started up again. Andrea shared that SuperNova is booked to come in on May 31st to conduct different activities for each grade level. Parent teacher interviews coming up. PD Day is coming up as well that will be focused on technology and setting kids up for success/learning through learning stamina. Tupper has been chosen to participate in “the new pedagogies for deeper learning” to explore new ways of learning. Laura Kennedy will be attending the conference in May. We have received \$10,400 from the DEECD Student Support Grant to purchase items for the school. Staff are investigating possible items that are required.

4) Business Arising from March 2017 Meeting

- a. Continued discussion on remainder of year activities/plans

- i. Grade 6 trip will continue this year. Andrea would still like to have the Gr. 6 closing event but would like parents to support the planning. It’s often been tradition for the grade 5 parents to help but would be great to have someone to be the lead on managing it. Sarah will work with Andrea to craft a note to grade 5 parents to solicit support.
- ii. Michelle asked about field trips and the staff advised that there are some being planned for certain grades so that has not been impacted. Michelle also asked about Mad Science and agreed to manage the process going forward. Katie inquired about starting new clubs and the process, parent/teacher ratio. We discussed that some of the “club” planning would go through PTA. Katie asked staff what they thought would be of interest: chess, art, technology, cooking, green, we team. Katie suggested we create some parameters around how to setup a club etc. Andrea mentioned she has a form that her parents complete to get a sense for their skills and if they are interested in participating in any class learning.

5) New Business

- a. Primary Registration (Katie added to the agenda)

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- i. As registrants come in Ms. Lily puts them in the computer and we are assessed based on the numbers. Given that we are already close to the cap we will likely end up with a primary/one split. Given that things change between now and Sept the official staffing is not completed until end of Sept.
 - b. Snow! (Jack added to the agenda)
 - i. Jack shared some concerns about the snow bank that is near the playground near the school and requested that the plow try to ensure it doesn't have such a drop off. Andrea shared that the drop is made by the kids when they are sliding. Patricia agreed that staff will keep an eye on it for future snowfalls/winters.
- 6) Motion to Adjourn
- 7) Next meeting: May 9th, 2017 @ 6pm