

**SIR CHARLES TUPPER SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Tues, Mar 7th, 2017 @ 6pm
Library ~ 1930 Cambridge Street, Halifax, N.S
Agenda**

1) Call to Order and Welcome

- a. Attendees: Sarah, Michelle, Andrea, Nicole, Chris, Luba G (filling in for Jack), Erica P, Patricia, Erica B.

2) Approval of Minutes /Additions to the Agenda

3) Principal/Vice-Principal updates

- a. During work-to-rule there was still a lot happening in the classrooms. PD continued with Mr. Mario coming to the school to do workshops on new technologies with the teachers. Playground is up and running and great to see the multi-age play that's happening as a result. Recess is still divided up based on classes but lunchtime is open to everyone. The first staff meeting post work-to-rule occurred and feedback was positive.
- b. The staff discussed the calendar for the remainder of the year. There will not be a spring musical this year given the lack of time remaining in the year. There will still be a strings concert towards the end of the year. The talent show will not continue this year. The book fair will be held in a few weeks. Additional programming will still be invited in (African drumming etc). Lunch program will continue as per previous schedule. Jump for Heart will continue and Intramurals will resume after March Break. Choir will also continue after March Break. Discussions will continue as to other projects/initiatives at the next staff meeting. There will be a pyjama day this coming Friday.

4) Business Arising from Oct 2016 Mtg

a. Update on SAC PD Day

- i. We did not have someone from the SAC able to attend so Patricia's attendance was not required.

b. Update on Building Improvements

- i. Still working with the school board but not a lot of movement. The deadline for the capital campaign was extended but we are still awaiting any updates. Michelle shared concern around the downstairs bathrooms. Patricia said they have been working on it and the ventilation should have improved. There was a drain problem that has since been resolved.

c. Additional Committee Members?

- i. The group agreed that there would be no additional members required this year.

5) New Business

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- a. Impact of legislation decision – remainder of year and beyond.
 - i. Patricia outlined that the teachers discussed how they have to respect that there are different approaches with different schools/teachers. Field trips for example will now be up to the discretion of the teachers.
 - ii. Michelle/Erica mentioned that they are unsure of the guidelines around whether teachers have to be present for particular activities so suggested that it would be helpful for the school to share the areas where parents could provide support to continue certain programs. Patricia outlined that there are programs like Lego club would be able to continue with parents support.
 - iii. We discussed that communication to the parents would be worthwhile as a means of sharing
 - b. Primary Registration update
 - i. We currently have 19 (in-area) children registered for primary for next year.
 - c.
- 6) Motion to Adjourn
- 7) Next meeting: Apr 4th, 2017