

SIR CHARLES TUPPER SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Tues, Oct 3rd, 2017 @ 6pm
Library ~ 1930 Cambridge Street, Halifax, N.S
Agenda

1) Call to Order and Welcome

a. Attendees: Erica B, Andrea, Jack, Erica P, Chris T, Patricia

2) Approval of Minutes /Additions to the Agenda

3) Principal/Vice-Principal updates

a. Ice cream social was a great success and made for a nice family event. Curriculum Night was well attended. Some schools combine both events but staff agreed to keep them as separate events. Terry Fox Run was held today and we exceeded our goal of \$1000. Staff played "Rocks" against the grade 6 students and the students will be participating in a tournament against other schools at Westmount School this coming Thursday. Nourish NS fundraiser was a good success with \$1095 of the funds going to the school. The school garden will soon be levelled and garden boxes will be built. PD day was held last week. Good discussion on our provincial data. Math goals for the year will focus on problem solving/perseverance. Literacy goals will focus on organization and writing conventions based on how we ranked vs. the province and feedback from teachers' classroom data. Caring School Communities is a training program for social emotional learning. Ms. Harding is the school lead for it and has participated in PD work for it. Grade 6s are participating in various volunteer requirements throughout the school – i.e. helping in the office, WE team, lunch helpers etc. We will be working on updating the school library this year. Patricia met with the lead for the central library who had some great ideas for how we can improve the space to make it more community/family friendly. Photocopy machines will move to the tech room soon. During the first PTA meeting the building façade came up so should be discussed. Mad Science is coming in for a demo and will be starting a lunch program soon. All schools in HRM are now having a morning acknowledgment that we are on first nations territory.

4) Business Arising from May 2017 Meeting

a. Security concerns – pre/post school hours, parking lot etc.

i. Overall things seems better for early morning arrivals and playing near the parking lot etc. The 3:30 dismissal for everyone seems to have helped with afterschool but there are still a few children who arrive early in the morning.

ii. We have returned to rotating the playground schedule given the amount of students we have at Tupper this year.

b. Class configuration/staffing

i. No issues at all with class configurations. Most classes are at cap so there is a little wiggle room should we have new students arrive.

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5) New Business

- a. SAC Committee for 2017-18 school year
 - i. All committee members will be returning next year
- b. SAC PD Day is coming up on Thurs Oct 19 from 6:30-8:30pm for any members that want to attend. RSVP is required by Oct 15.
- c. Patricia reviewed the options provided by the school board regarding the building façade. The options range from \$150-500k. Patricia is not sure how much operations would contribute to this. We agreed that we would re-connect with Dan Sheehan to understand next steps and what funding may be available.

6) Motion to Adjourn

7) Next meeting: Nov 7th, 2017