

**SIR CHARLES TUPPER SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Tues, Oct 4th, 2016 @ 6pm
Library ~ 1930 Cambridge Street, Halifax, N.S
Agenda**

1) Call to Order and Welcome:

a. Nicole, Victoria, Chris, Erica B, Lenore, Patricia, Erica P, Andrea,

2) Approval of Minutes /Additions to the Agenda

3) Principal/Vice-Principal updates

a. Playground updates below. Provincial assessments are underway for grades 3, 4 and 6. Terry Fox run was a success – with \$591 raised and sent. Curriculum night was well attended. Tech room has been set up which includes a green screen, kits from the board with robotic balls and science probes, maker cart on loan with a 3D printer, sewing machine etc. They will have all classes come through for a visit and then the room will be available for booking. Erica P is also managing the new website and cleaning up the navigation and overall look of the site. Peer helpers will be having a training session and the WE team is being established in advance of WE day, which is at the end of November. Discussed having some grade 5s join the team as well to continue it further the next year. Ice Cream Social was great and the Yard Sale was a great community event with about \$400 made in total. Erica B mentioned that Sept is a busy time so maybe we consider other times. Victoria mentioned a bake table would be a great addition to it as well. Painting has started on the mural area to prep for the new one that will be created by the grade 6 mural group under the direction of Mr. vanderMolen and Ms. Ouellette.

4) Business Arising from June 2016 Mtg

a. Playground Update:

- i. Construction underway with the new playground. Kids are excited. Contact from the school board is very helpful and has worked on a lot of other playgrounds. Rob MacNeish has some ideas for building raised beds in the area where the little kids used to be that are being considered. Erica P mentioned that other schools have had success with harvesting from their boxes and making meals for the kids. The playground installation should be a quick process, only delay may be the rubberized surface. Ideally completed within the next few weeks.
- ii. Getting comments about the little kid playground being taken down. Andrea commented that we have the benefit of the field as well which not many other schools have. The playground will have a schedule at the beginning to allow different grades access on different days.

b. Update on Building Improvements

- i. There hasn't been a lot of movement on the building improvements over the summer. Patricia will send a note of inquiry to see where

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things stand.

c. New Streamlined Curriculum

- i. Technology is a big component of the new curriculum as well as having physically active time beyond gym and recess i.e. movement during class. Gr. 4-6 teachers have reviewed the new report card, which will be aligned to the streamlined curriculum, much as it is in Grades Primary-3. Math and Literacy will still have a letter grade but other subjects will just have an indicator of developmental progress.

5) New Business

a. SAC Committee for 2016-17 school year

- i. Need to have more community members included on the committee. Everyone encouraged to think of people in the community that may be interested i.e. local business owners, grandparents.
- ii. SAC PD day is upcoming in November for principals and SAC parent/community members.

6) Motion to Adjourn

7) Next meeting: Nov 8th, 2016