

## **SAC WHS June 3th 2024**

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**Attendees:** Belinda Oxner , Amanda Lawlor, Kelly Ing, Cherly Burton-Myles Lisa Baker, D'arcy Poultney, Tracey Sullivan, Kelly Cooper, Kaitlin Sparks, Tony Mancini, Craig Campbell, Brenda & Abby Bourgoin, Hannah Welsh, Krista Hetherington-Duffy,

*Welcome and introductions*

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### **The Agenda for the evening was as followed:**

*Student Council Report* - continuing to recruit for new members for next year. Grade 9 orientation took place last week and was a great success.

Mascot showdown coming up and Prom this week. Grad BBQ scheduled for the 18th. Student council planning on finishing the year off with some fun during Spirit week. Athletics and plunger awards ( Grade 12 nominations for silly things). There seems to be lots of interest from grade 9's to join council so next year is looking promising.

Some changes coming for next year as Mr. MacDonnell will be taking over student council and Mr. Dempsey will be stepping into the Athletic Director position.

Abby and Hannah are excited to be co-presidents for council next year and are bringing fresh new ideas to the panther squad.

### ***Principals Report-***

- Busy time of year, scheduling and teaching assignments for next year is still in the process, new collective agreement and more prep time for teachers holding it up a bit.
- Completed fire drill #5, #6 coming up this week.
- Exam schedule being revised as the 21st can no longer be an assessment day in support of National Indigenous Peoples Day.
- Ib year 2's have completed there exams. IB year 1's to finish off June 11th.
- We have a Fine Arts night this Wednesday.
- Transition meetings are concluded, and we continue to do individualized meetings as necessary as we finish off the school year.
- The minister of Education joined our staff meeting this afternoon and we had discussions about student success and were able to ask more questions about school based violence and what might be done to deter that ex: review of school code of conduct, how and when things are being reported, follow ups, debriefs etc,.
- Different processes for staff and students. Everything for students goes through Powerschool, whereas for staff the process is being revised and has to be signed off, investigated.
- As a school we would like to dive into the school violence deeper, have more conversation and come up with a plan to make it better.
- The thought exchange would be useful to open up for student perspective, thoughts about a cellphone ban. We are waiting direction on that from EECD. More info to follow.

- Graduation June 27th 10am. We will have an overflow room for those with lots of guests and it will be streamed. Reception to follow in the gym.
- Our rugby teams played hard and finished off strong, both teams bringing home banners. Way to go!

Question was asked about student #'s. Population is growing, schools will look different, education implementation will look different, change is inevitable.

- Pilot program coming: The high Skills Major. Goal for this is to brand it so employers can see students with specialized training to be job ready. It will be a distinction on graduation diplomas, a certification that will be advantageous for students looking at skills trades.

Question was asked: Will Life 11 ( a life skills course) be offered?

### ***Chairs Report***

Membership review: No plans on leaving, membership seems good. Want to aim for after curriculum night for our first SAC meeting of school year 2024-2025.

### ***Discussions/public input***

- *Will be having our first annual Christmas craft fair next year and all proceeds will go towards prom.*
- *Any word on transit passes for students? Tony to look back into this*
- *Mentioned to Abby and Hannah there are funds to be distributed if they have a plan for what the money can be used for with regards to the student council.*
- *Big thanks to O2 for building and donating picnic tables to spaces in the community.*

*Adjourn and farewells for next year.*