

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, Sept. 10th (music room)

(Members present: Peter Goosens, Gary Forgeron, Alanna Mansell, Vikki MacEachern, Jen Ryan, Stephanie Swinkels, Tanya Feehan & Norma MacKinnon).

Regrets: Estelle MacArthur, Raylene MacLean

(As there was no formal agenda, here is a list of topics discussed):

- **Thank you** to all school staff for everything they have done to get school ready, for keeping our kids safe and continuing to support the ongoing needs of students.
- Our school has gained 7 students; **current student population is 246**. We are at or above the soft & hard caps for some classes.
- Discussed **SAC membership**. Norma to reach out to Al Poirier and include Diane Stewart in SAC emails. The school will look into student membership.
- Discussed **letter SAC sent to Dept. of Education and Early Childhood Development** as well as to **Allan MacMaster**, MLA for Inverness. Received email back from Allan and read to group.
- The SAC would also like to get feedback (in the form of a **survey**) from school staff regarding how to best support our school during this time.
- A letter from **Breakfast Program** volunteers was read and discussed. Due to current COVID 19 pandemic restrictions and concerns as well as the nature of how cafeteria services are currently set-up and staffed, the volunteers have carefully decided to put a hold on their involvement in Breakfast Program this year. Meeting members discussed how lucky we are to have such great volunteers running our program and the wonderful community support (i.e. from the co-op). Discussed possible ways to thank volunteers involved.
- Discussed **School Plans A, B & C** in the event that **COVID** presents itself within our school community.
 - o **Plan A** (current protocol with all grades in school, social distancing, and masking for grades 4-12 when social distance guidelines cannot be met).
 - o **Plan B** (grades 9-12 at home and grades p-8 will stay in school but will be spread out. May still be able to have some in-class for high school).
 - o **Plan C** (all students will be home and receive online teaching/learning. Teachers will still report to school).
 - o ****Any school related COVID case(s) will be looked at individually by public health for direction.**
- All students in grades 7-12 received **Chrome books** for the year. The goal is for each student to have their own and the school is hopeful they have enough to provide to students from grades three & up.

- **After school activities:** Department of recreation has been given the green light to initiate some programs in the school. Still working out some of the details regarding how this will look. As of right now, the school closes at 5:30 pm so all activities have to be scheduled prior. Briefly discussed some of the nssaf guidelines around sport activities.
- Discussed **outdoor learning possibilities** and in particular, the **Arts Centre (ICCA)** whose new Director has opened the door to new possibilities for learning within their building.

Next meeting: October 1st, 6 pm (Music room)