

**St Andrew's Regional High School
Local School Council
DRAFT Minutes**

June 22, 2022 - approved September 28, 2022

Present: Angela Grohovac (AG), Sandy Riddett (SR), Renee Derksen (RD), Katherine Thiessen-Wale (KTW), Euan Skinner (ES) – joined at 7:00 p.m.

Regrets: Steve Pearse (SP), Michelle Sanders (MS), Father Eduardo Santos

Principal: Glen Palahicky (GP)

Guests: Ciaran McLaverty (CM), Graham McDonough (parent of child commencing Grade 8 in September 2022)

Call Meeting to Order: AG at 6:33 p.m.

Opening Prayer: GP

Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion by SR, seconded by RD to approve May 2022 minutes.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by RD, seconded by SR. Motion carried.

New Business:

Correspondence from Parent regarding dress code:

- Memo dated June 13 2022, from Graham McDonough regarding Request for Revision to SARHS Dress Code at section 1.4 (“Gym Uniform”) was discussed. AG indicated that she received correspondence via RD, who received it from the writer. AG indicated she sent it to Katya Groves, Superintendent and GP for their feedback; it was agreed that the writer is correct and the policy needs to be adjusted to reflect what happens in practice, given students are not graded in relation to compliance with physical education uniform requirements.
- Discussion re process to be followed when LSC receives correspondence, how correspondence is to be acknowledged and whether writer should present on the matter raised during the meeting ensued.
- **To Do:** RD to liaise with GP and prepare a written response and revision to policy.

Portfolio Assignments for Council members:

- It was agreed that council members would assume responsibility for the following portfolios:
 - Chair: AG
 - Secretary: KTW
 - Buildings and Grounds: ES
 - Human Resources: SR
 - Policy: RD
 - Finance: SP

- Parent Support Group Liaison: AG
- International Student Liaison: SR

Suggested volunteer position to enter Parent Involvement Program (PIP) hours:

- Staff have noted that it would be helpful for the LSC or PSG to assign someone to track volunteer hours as required by the Parent Involvement Program, since this entails a fair amount of work at certain times of the school year.
- It was agreed that an online form (Google document) would be developed for the purpose of parents submitting information on hours to a co-ordinator, thereby streamlining the amount of work associated with recording hours, and making it easier for parents who do not regularly visit the school during office hours to submit information.
- **To Do:** Develop Google document form. Include in newsletters, information on why it is important to volunteer, as well as possible volunteer opportunities, to promote volunteerism. As well, a link to the form will be provided, and information will be included clarifying the reasons for the program and details around it, such as it being possible to cover other parents' hours, etc.

Meeting dates for 2022-23:

- August 24 (via Zoom)
- September 28
- October 26
- November 23
- January 25
- February 15 (via Zoom)
- March 15
- April 26
- May 24 (Annual Public Meeting)
- June 21
- **To Do:** AG to advise Daniela Hemmings of meeting dates for the calendar.

Reports:

Chairperson's Report

- N/A

Teacher's Report

- N/A

Principal's Report

- Staff busy with exams, report cards, awards, graduation, and year-end work.
- CM: Positive news re assessment results for Gr 10 literacy – the number of students with either a 3 or 4 grade is high. 71% is the provincial average. Independent schools'

average was 76%. SARHS students achieved 87%, which is very much better than the average.

- GP: Enrolment is up for next year by 10-12 students. There will be 81 students in Grade 8, 80 students in Grade 9, 68 students in Grade 10, 89 students in Grade 11, and 73 students in Grade 12. Total will be 391.
- The new website is still being worked on but is a big improvement and works with phones.
- Staffing: Mr. and Mrs. Ballam will be away on a year's leave of absence; senior science position has been filled by Ehab Ihaddmy, a seasoned pharmacist who went into teaching. Ms. Nola Accilli is coming to teach French. Ms. Goldsack is retiring: her position may be filled by a person with IT/engineering background. Ms. G. Paulson will be leaving as Ms. Donegan is returning. Mr. Hudson will return and Ms. Parwar will be leaving as a result. Mrs. Hemmings is going to St. Joseph's so currently interviewing for that position.
- Over the summer, washroom renovations are planned for upstairs and downstairs by the gym. The catwalk is being replaced with galvanized steel. Removal of portables will commence this week, and field remediation will follow.
- Many thanks for support.

Committee Reports:

- N/A

Finance:

- AG obtained financial report from Lise Derzaph, ICS. There will be a surplus remaining after contribution toward debt, so things are in good shape.

Next LSC Meeting: August 24 at 6:30 pm, via Zoom meeting.

Adjourned at 7:53 pm.