



## Rockingham School Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes Feb 8th, 2024

Submitted by G. Prole

- follow up with regards to the cell phones in schools
- Shannon and I approved the minutes from last meeting

### Principal Report Feb. 8, 2024

**SSP:** Well being: one area of focus is getting to know students outside school. We have a number of clubs running on any given day. We are going to send out another short survey for students Gr.3 to Gr.5 asking them if they are participating in any clubs and if so, how are they feeling about the opportunities and if they think it helps staff know them better. Another idea we are tossing around is sending home a notice to parents asking them to work with their child in sharing their passion. We would then post these throughout the school for all to see. I'm hoping it would help students see shared interests and passions.

**Professional Development for Principals and VPs:** The 3 Braids Modules: Anti-racism, anti-discrimination and bias. These modules are focussed on identifying Racism, Discrimination and bias, understanding why it is happening and how to respond in a culturally responsive way.

The Student Code of Conduct is a provincial document that guides our response to unexpected student conduct.

**Equity Team:** Our team is ready to work with our student leadership team to further their learning so that they are our school equity ambassadors.

**SAC Funding:** I don't have an updated amount of funds remaining but in addition to what we have already spent, we are still looking into the assessment kits as well as additional sets of novels for Gr.5 classes as well as additional leveled books for our lower grades to supplement what they already have.

Respectfully Submitted by P. Leger

### **Parking and traffic issues around the school morning and after school:**

We discussed the parking issues and traffic in the morning and after school around school grounds. There are extreme safety issues present.

- Maybe parents reach out to community councilor to help problem solve

### Discussion about the new traffic pilot-Walking School Bus

- Halifax Regional Municipality-They are taking applications for the “**Rolling bus**” from 3 pilot schools. You need to apply for it but it is volunteer based which is extremely hard to get. If volunteers don't show in the am for example there is no staff available because they are doing supervision/duty in the school for our soft start. The implementation and feedback is also a long process and very time consuming. Many questions around it. No harm in applying- create google form to gauge community engagement. Deadline line Feb 16th. After a conversation we decided to hold off until June.
- Another suggestion (from community councilor) was the “**Walking School Bus**”. We were discussing and were trying to find a common space ie-church to meet and the volunteers who would walk them to the school in the morning. We decided to hold off as well until the end of year to discuss.
- We talked about even blocking off Tremont and having parents walk their kids instead of the quick curbside drop off. We discussed reaching out to operations (the school board) and the Police liaison and we agreed on it.
- Lastly, we spoke about creating girls' intramurals. Sarah spoke with teachers to maybe create it and we will implement it in the next round of intramurals.