

TJHS SAC Meeting November 18, 2020

The meeting was held via Zoom platform 6:00pm

Minutes

Last month's meeting minutes were approved

In Attendance

Tammy Fox Falesha Eagles Katherine Hunt

Thomas Woodbury Abby Brothers Jenny Greer

Brian Hayden

Principals Report

SAC Principal's Report

Numbers

Enrollment is at 451 students- down 7 students, HS adjustments

Staff

18 Academic Teachers

1.5 Learning Centre

1.5 Resource

0.5 LD support

1.0 Behaviour support (shared among 2 Teachers)

2 Part-time (0.7) Core French positions

0.5 Mi'kmaq Language

1.5 PE

1.0 Music (grade 5-7 Music, Grade 8 Band)

11 EAs

Staffing Changes

A Regional based decision has been made to transfer one of our classroom teachers to BHJH to fill a vacancy due to this teacher's skill set. (French Immersion Math) I am not going to name this teacher as I want all parents from this learning community to know at the same time out of respect for the students.

Realignment

- Leadership
- Playground- access to funding, grants, getting kids involved with input

Name Change

- Seeking clarification on the process- working on this. There was a staff based meeting to discuss the realignment with regional staff and the feeling is that Middle School is definitely a change that is worthy of making to reflect who we are.

Covid

- Safety, masks, travel through halls
- Specialists in residence- Llam Timmons, Angela Labonte, Jesslyn Richardson

Grants

- Uplift grant \$5000-outdoor classroom focus, student participation, Leadership Opportunities at all grades, may be more focused on 5-7s...
- Panther Pantry- First Baptist

Parent Teacher

- RCs go home on November 24, followed by an email with the link to request a time for calls
- November 27, no in person meetings, 3:45-5:45 on Thursday, 9-11 on Friday

Panther Pride

- First Assemblies have happened. 12 out of 18 classes have been completed as of today
- Class draw for pizza and a movie the week before Christmas
- All students start with a bracelet thanks to admin funding
- Panther PRIDE poster contest is on now with Dec.4 deadline

Remembrance Day Ceremony

- Held on-line

SAC Funds

- Have been allotted

Turkey Dinner

- We would like to provide a Turkey Dinner for all students on December 16th. We are wondering if you would be open to paying for part of it from our SAC funds? The cost is approximately \$2000.
- Tammy officially asked for \$500 SAC donation for turkey dinner. All members present agreed
- Jenny asked about offering other food choices around different cultural traditions. Tammy will look into that idea/question

SSP (Student Success Plan)

- Tammy will post this year's updated SSP plan on our SAC drive as soon as it is ready.

Parking Lot Issues (from last year)

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SAC membership drive...

- Need students. Ms. Fox will continue to recruit from Gr.8 Leadership Team (Panther Crew)
- Need another parent. Falesha will recruit but wondered the best method. T. Fox will broadcast an invite for anyone interested to contact Falesha

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Playground Update

- Falesha is the lead on this and has been doing some grant searching. Found a lead on how to triple our money. Still digging at this
- Peter McCracken is the CCRCE connection and is wondering what we are looking for. Multiple little pieces or a large one for example.
- T. Fox expressed the idea of spreading equipment out a bit
- Falesha will look into to how long the quotes will last. Jenny suggested looking into delaying if costs are abnormally high right now
- Consider the effect of an install and how long we might be without a playground zone. Falesha said it is typically fairly quick
- Abby spoke about the concept of a planning grant so that we get the project done



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correctly the first time rather than simply putting in random play structures

Other Business...

Abby asked for a discussion around a concrete plan about our SAC plan, goals and funding plan moving forward so that we are not just flying by the seat of our pants. Interested in having a concrete plan. That will be addressed next meeting.

Next Meeting- Zoom 6:00pm on Wed. Dec.16 if needed (not typically scheduled)