



Brookside Junior High

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SAC Minutes for 9 May 2024

In Attendance

Jennifer Helm, Laura Slaunwhite, Lisa Mansfield, Evelyn Lamplugh, Hannah Kay, Patricia Laws, Sawyer Prescott, Tracey Vandewater, Tammy Richards, Angela Feetham

Regrets

Amanda Feetham Marjorie Conrad, Hannah Ubsdell, Michelle Smith, Cameron DeBaie

Meeting Minutes Approval

Tammy moves to approve April minutes, Patricia seconds.

Business Arising from previous minutes:

- Funds Balance ~ \$3K

New Business (open)

- Hot lunches – feedback and Fall Lunches
 - Parents would like to see hot lunches continuing in the Fall. Students like hot lunches.
 - Healthy Hunger went well, Subway was very popular. It took a bit to get organized (at the school). Now that we know how it works, we have time to plan for getting things organized. The company was great to work with. There's no contract, which is important for us. School might ask for parent volunteers for that window of time during the week. Might consider 5 days a week hot lunch. School can start putting out feelers for volunteers soon.
- Spending Funds – We have managed to spend over \$2K in the last month. Purchased a new BBQ for the school, pop up tent shade to be used outdoors and at various sports events, new track equipment, baseball gear and 3D printer materials.
 - Looking into new benches for the school out front or by basketball area - \$1100 each roughly, 8ft long, would love to put those out. SAC members think this is a great beautification idea and would contribute funds towards a couple. BBQ propane tank for the school – Mrs. Slaunwhite will get one and store it.
- Last SAC gathering for the year. End of year dinner sounds great; Jen will send out some dates to see who is available on certain dates.
- Hannah – Mr.McNeil wants a big jar of honey for a science experiment. SAC can buy that.



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Literacy Goal - To improve student achievement in writing in the areas of organization and language use.

Math Goal - To improve student achievement in mathematical problem solving with a focus on number sense.

Well-being Goal – Making sure students feel welcome at the school.

Principal's Report

- Next week the grade 6 parents come in to the school for an info session. (May 16th)
- (May 28-30th) RWM8 assessments for math are coming up soon Province-wide, our school has been doing exceptionally well in previous years. A practice event has taken place, and they weren't taken as seriously as we'd like and we're hopeful the assessment will go well.
- Grade 7 immunizations will be coming up on the June 5th to finish those up for the year.
- June 6th, 7pm, Brookside Band Concert
- June 13th - School Dance
- June 19-20th - Grade 9 exams
- June 21st - Spirit Day
- June 24th Grade 6-9 Sports awards (students only during the school day)
- June 24th - Grade 9 boat cruise.
- June 25th - Grade 9 closing

Sports

- HFX county track meet is next week, Wednesday and Thursday. thanks to all the awesome coaches! We have 41 athletes total this year, registered for 135 events.
- Softball – Tammy and Valli are coaching the teams. Tryouts just starting, tournaments start early June.
- Female Flag football team played well – won the regional banner!
- Boys Flag Football team played very well.

- **Asian Heritage month** – Mrs. Moshett prepared a nice session to learn about Asian Heritage. Was a great experience for kids to learn.
- Mrs. Vandewater is working on our last ILT Science challenge, would like to buy a few supplies for classes, trying to figure out how they can do it in a fair and equitable way. Will let us know if she needs any supplies, SAC can help.
- Student success surveys are wrapped up.
- Guys and girl's groups are going to wrap up soon, feedback from students is they really enjoyed it (grades 6 and 8) and hope to continue it.
- McBeth performance was today, second year in a row that we had it at the school. Kids enjoyed it, some kids didn't understand it. Kids said last years was better (it was more comedy). This one was more dramatic. It wasn't as straight forward and easy to follow of a storyline for the students.



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- Black excellence day next week, a celebration is organized for students next week.
- Human Trafficking presentations coming up for grade 9's.
- Dessert Theatre- It was phenomenal, the team did an amazing job. It was greatly attended and a lovely event for the students to participate in. We'd love to do it again next year.
- It's staffing time in all schools in the province:

Brookside has some staff retirements:

- o Patty Meehan is retiring end of year (school Councilor)
 - Cindy Wilson is going to be the new Guidance Councilor
 - Tim Norris will be taking over as the Junior High Intervention teacher for our school and Herring Cove Junior High
- o Marjorie Conrad is retiring end of year.
 - Hannah Aubrecht off on maternity leave. Leah Rupe has been in her place.
 - Mr. Wegemer is planning to come back in the Fall for his last year.
 - Likely some other staff to move around so there will be some changes next year.

Other/New Business

N/A

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: This was the last meeting! Thanks for an awesome year.

Meeting Dates & Times 2023-2024
Meeting 1 - October 5 - 6:00pm @ BJHS
Meeting 2 - November 2 - 6:00pm @ Virtual
~~Meeting 3 - January 4 - 6:00pm @ BJHS (cancelled)~~
Meeting 3 - February 1 - 6:00pm @ Virtual
Meeting 4 - April 11 - 6:00pm @ BJHS
Meeting 5 - May 9 - 6:00pm @ Virtual