

## **SAC Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 9, 2023

Location: Bedford West High School

### **In Attendance:**

- Principal Sean MacDonald
- Vice Principal Alison Walker
- Sara McManus
- Keith Demone
- Glenda Cush
- Gaurav Garg
- Nkem Emezie-Ejinima
- Funmi Irabor
- Tricia Schmeisser
- Connor Amero
- Sarah Jeans
- Vanessa Turner
- Tina Parker

**Meeting Commenced:** 6:00pm

**Meeting Concluded:** 7:20pm

### **Minutes:**

The meeting began with everyone approving the minutes of the previous meeting. Principal Sean MacDonald chaired the session and started by discussing the SAC chairperson agreements, emphasizing the importance of roles and responsibilities.

He then updated everyone on the progress regarding the school's color, logos, and mascot decisions. The meeting to review data and voting processes is scheduled for November 28th at 6 pm, with an expected decision deadline in January 2024.

Principal Sean reported on recent accomplishments, including three fire drills, hold and secure, and lockdown procedures. The school also had a successful Remembrance Day ceremony, and various clubs have started, each with a budget allocation of \$215 from the SAC funds.

In sports, basketball and volleyball teams are up and running, and the boys' intermediate cross-country team won at the provincial championships, with congratulations to winner Connor Amero, who will

represent the school in the national competition. The boys' soccer team secured third place in the provincials.

Other notable events and updates included the Terry Fox run, upcoming math contests, picture day retake, the cafeteria's breakfast plan, the yearbook committee, and a successful first spirit week organized by the student council. The code of conduct for grade 10 students is complete, with only a few grade nines remaining to finish.

Principal Sean introduced the concept of four Non-instructional days, where students collaborate on projects of their choice. Positive feedback indicated students enjoyed the experience and were productive in a collaborative environment. Flex-time was equally successful, fostering better student-teacher relationships. Further input from students will be sought for improvement ideas.

The library space has become a popular collaborative environment among students. A new online appointment sign-up platform for parent-teacher meetings is now in operation.

Additionally, the school welcomes Felisha Davidson as the African Nova Scotia student support worker starting on November 14th.

Lastly, the Student Success Plan (SSP) focuses on improving student achievement, particularly for students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry. Teachers are collecting data and gathering student feedback.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Thursday, December 7th, 6:00 pm

Thursday, February 8th, 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 11th, 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 9th, 6:00 pm

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:20pm**