

Cunard Junior High School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes



Meeting Held: January 18, 2022

In Attendance:

Principal: Sabitha Masih
 Vice Principal: Jillian Sabadash (Secretary)
 Chair : Tanya Conrad
 Teacher : Angela Gillis
 School Representative : Mandy Smith
 Vice Chair/Parent : Lisa Phinney Langley

Community Member: Constable Teed
 Parent: Craig Myra
 Teacher: Kim Myers-Stuart
 Student Representative: Lainey Conrad
 Student Representative: Rudaba Mahmud
 Parent: Dawn Myra

In Absentia: Raghav Dangwall (Student)
 Peyton Comeau (Student)



Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM

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| Old Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda approved by SAC • Approval of Previous Meeting Summary • Bathroom update: New plan in place to monitor an increase the amount of caretaker hours to ensure they are kept clean and safe. • Class trips well underway • Grade 8 Closing: Date is chosen for the closing. The next day will have celebrations for grades 5,6, and 7. • MLA has been contacted regarding crosswalk. He is looking into it. • Basketball nets: HRM is aware. Waiting to hear from them. • Book grant: New books in the grade 8 English class. Library has been grown and other classrooms received books as well. • Healthy Living Grant. We received \$1000.00. Spoke to staff about how to use it best. Planning to use funds for a full school wide breakfast. • Leadership Team: Have started and are planning events including the dance. Students sold a lot of Candygrams, organized the food drive and are currently selling dance tickets. • Holiday Concert was a full house and a great success. |
| Student Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie: All Jr High students went to a movie. The movie was really great. All students enjoyed it. • Food drive was excellent. Students enjoyed walking around the neighbourhood. It was much more successful than we imagined. Received positive calls from community members! • Holiday concert: Students had fun and students did fantastic. • Dance: We are selling tickets. Not many students buying tickets right now. Trying to promote the dance and encourage students to purchase this week. Leadership decided on the DJ. Everything is booked. |
| School Success Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy Goal is to improve student literacy. Our goal was to get books in hands and get students hooked on reading and away from electronics. Already students are fully engaged! |
| New Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First PTA Meeting will be on January 30th. Looking at fundraising ideas |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> and pulling together events to help offset costs for students and events. SAC request communication be sent to parents regarding dance information. |
| Special Reports/Pres | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time |
| Administration Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had an anonymous parent who donated money to ensure all students had food and drink at the movie. SAC funds have been allocated. Meeting as a staff to decide what would be best to benefit students. Received cohort results from grade 3-6 in Literacy and Math. Discussed percentages and how students did prior to arriving. Tells us we have a lot of work to do around Literacy and Math to help improve scores and understanding. We are emphasizing Literacy and Math from grades 5-8. We are currently looking at individual students and how best to support them and their needs. Looking to focus on phonics and phonological awareness withing our resource programming. Family Literacy Day planned. Students will be engaging in a stop drop and read and an afternoon of board games. We will be building literacy into that time. Parent who is also a Principal at our feeder school also suggested having shared PD with his staff around literacy which would be excellent. Copshop occurred in December. Thanks to HRP for supporting 2 students who went to HFX Shopping Center to shop prior to Christmas. Community support: We were able to support 11 Christmas dinners and 10 families over the holidays because of the community support we received. A huge thank you to everyone! Basketball has begun. Tryouts, practices and games are underway. Big thank you to coaches who came forward! African Heritage month is coming. We have African Drumming coming in to do workshops, and Kate MacDonald coming in to do spoken word with each class. On February 27, after classes spent the month putting together a class presentation on an aspect of African Heritage. Students will then be touring around to each class to see the productions. Morgan Toney is a Mi'kmaq Fiddler who is coming into present and perform. He combines Celtic sound with traditional Mi'kmaq sound. Will also be doing some small class work with students very interested in music. March 9: Hoping to have our ski trip! Just waiting for snow. Currently have a waiting list so we are hoping to be able to offer an additional time for the elementaries. Buses and arrangements have been completed. |
| Public Input | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing at this time. |
| Any Other Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking at the possibility to move to in person meetings in the future |

Next Meeting Date: February 22 2023

Adjournment Time: Meeting Adjourned at 6:14pm