

# BEDFORD SOUTH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 14, 2019

**PRESENT:** Helen Healy, Cindy Crewe, Natalie Kennie-Kaulbach, Marnie Loughery, Craig Logan, Dena Bergman

**ABSENT:** Prehan Shousha, Heather Sullivan, Jeanne Wambolt, Christopher Wheeler

**WELCOME:** N/A

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were approved by Marnie and Craig.

<b>1. Administration Report</b>	<p>Helen updated the committee on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Had parent/teacher interviews – even added separate ones for Arabic &amp; Mandarin.</li><li>• Transition meeting for Junior High held.</li><li>• Cultural day was on CTV.</li><li>• Literacy lunch.</li><li>• Primary orientation – Marnie attended on behalf of SAC.</li><li>• PD Day – literacy data on cohorts from 3-6 to test improvements. BSS has seen no regression and exceeds Region &amp; Board averages.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Working on Adaptions for students with challenges – ok if outcome met even if method of achieving different.</li></ul></li><li>• Primary Registration is currently open (so far 40 new registrations).</li><li>• Dancers have been out to several schools.</li><li>• Volunteer Tea is May 30<sup>th</sup></li><li>• Spring Fair May 31<sup>st</sup>.</li></ul>
<b>2. Loop Closure and Walking School Bus Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Helen received (via her Supervisor) a strong email from Roddy MacIntyre, Senior Traffic Operations Engineer for HRM's Transportation &amp; Public Works, Traffic Management Department critical of the decision to close the front loop saying it will only move the problem to the streets and that HRM was not consulted enough on the decision. He said the solution was better management.</li><li>• SAC discussed this letter and agreed that HRM was consulted enough on the situation. Helen had plenty of correspondence and they had attended the walk around in fall. Note the also declined to attend the March meeting when decision made. Craig agreed to help Helen draft a response.</li><li>• We felt fire in boy's washroom the week prior was beneficial to our argument as fire trucks had issues getting to school.</li><li>• Outside of the letter from HRM, there has not been any material complaints to Helen. There were even a few positive views.</li><li>• Closure confirmed for Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some SAC members will attend.</li><li>• Very little uptake on the Walking School Bus – only 4 families interested in being a leader and 4 more in participating.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ We discussed why this was with conclusions ranging from people making alternatives, don't feel necessary or doing nothing till have to deal with on day of closure.</li></ul></li><li>• Natalie Diaz-Insense will host the orientation for these leaders.</li><li>• School plans to have Walking Safety lessons from Janet on May 16<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Idea presented of a Walk to School day with WOW ballots if a student walks to school. Draw taken for prizes. Maybe have a WOW Wednesday.</li> <li>• Need a good news story around the culture shift of getting students healthier by walking. This is part if the funds from HRCE for Healthy Communities Grant used to pay for walking school bus</li> </ul>
<b>3. SAC Annual Funding Allocation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5,019 spent to date with material items \$1,100 for Books, \$1,000 for playground, \$600 for WSB, \$500 for Tattletales and \$400 for Portable Listening Centres.</li> <li>• Sound system returned.</li> <li>• \$500 left and needs to be spent by June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCC meeting at Sackville HS on June 4<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Discussed next year's SAC membership. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need people who show up</li> <li>○ Who would be Chair. Potential of Co-Chairs again next year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>6. Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:10pm</li> </ul>