



## Cobequid District School

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### SAC Meeting Minutes November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:30-7:00 pm

**Attendance:** Nicki Eikelenboom, Jill Sutton, Kristyn Thoms, Sheila Campbell, Ashley Dickson, Moira Peters, Ericka Webb

**Welcome & Call to Order:** 6:38 p.m.

**Review/Approval of Agenda:** Agenda read by Jill. Approved by Kristyn and Ashley.

**Review/Approval of Minutes:** Minutes Approved by Sheila and Ashley.

**Business Arising From Minutes:** None

#### **Principal's Report:**

- By-laws were updated and the members were updated, signed by Jill and Nicky and sent in.
- Report cards went out electronically, which is tied into Powerschool.
  - It is important to keep the contacts up to date for communication.
  - Students and parents are able to get a paper copy, but only if requested.
  - Virtual phone calls went home for report cards due to COVID restrictions. Forms were sent home for parents to select a time frame and appointments were given.
  - We have welcomed two new students into the school
  - Our 4/5/6 Class has reached its cap. Classes will remain the same. We now have a total of four Grade 5 students.
  - School Support: Sharon Quinlan is out until January 13<sup>th</sup>.
    - Mary Ann Ally has come in for support, and is shared between ourselves and Hilden.
    - She has 1-hour sessions with classes, two times during the 8-day cycle.
    - She also offers smaller group instruction if requested or needed.
  - Mackayla McCullen comes on Tuesdays as a support.
    - She can go into the classroom and teach, support students with instruction, or work one on one, pulling students individually.
  - Shauna Fraiser – Schools Plus
    - She supports the social emotional aspect of the students and will work in small groups, or one on one.
    - She focuses on new behaviors and strategies
    - Shared 50% with 2 other schools
    - She is in on Monday and Friday.
  - COVID Restrictions in effect at CDS:

- Proof of vaccination deadline for teachers and support staff is November 30<sup>th</sup>
- 95% of the teaching staff has provided their documentation.
- Staff members who cannot provide proof of vaccination will go on leave
- This shouldn't affect us as CDS
- School Wide Centers
  - Are happening once a month and are a part of the wellness goals for CDS
  - November theme was "Sensory Centers"
  - December will be "Christmas Centers" and each month will continue to change theme according to that particular month.
- Province has given each school \$25,000 towards an outdoor learning space.
  - We have been given 4 options to choose from:
  - **Option 1:** Classroom Circle, includes big stones, trees, trails and is somewhat basic in design.
  - **Option 2:** Small Outdoor Learning Space, includes shrubs, benches, peace corner, paths. Sectioned off for multiple areas.
  - **Option 3:** Amphitheatre, includes whiteboard, seating area ... but is over the \$25,000 budget and the school would be required to cover the difference.
  - **Option 4:** Raised Garden Beds, included planters only.
- The board decided on Option 2, the Small Outdoor Learning space, with a few Raised Garden Beds from Option 4 if possible.
  - Ericka also asked if there was a possibility of having a roof or cover put on the space to ensure we can use the outdoor space in all weather conditions. Looking into a shelter or greenhouse type of structure.

#### New Business/Additions:

- Moira questioned whether our school would be directly affected by the new Proof of Vaccination policy
  - 65% of substitute teachers had shown proof of vaccination so that is where we are likely to see the largest affect for CDS.

**Next meeting date: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Adjournment: 7:16p.m.**