**PRHS SAC meeting minutes**

October 30th, 2023

1. **Call to order** at 3:03 pm by Wanda Jewers.
2. **Members in attendance:** Kitty Brown, Christine Rushton, Monika Currie, Ava Flecknell, Ann Kernohan, Wanda Jewers, Michelle Hoffmann
3. **Approval of previous minutes** – motioned by Michelle Hoffmann, seconded by Kitty Brown.
4. **Principal’s Report:**
   * Reviewed provincial assessment/school data; discussed what we are doing as a school to improve data this year (e.g. writing group, problem solving group, math up leadership)
   * Community use of the gym on Monday, Wednesday, Friday
   * Ship’s company is starting a drama club in January on Wednesdays, organized by Rooks
   * Four basketball teams starting at the school this month
   * Christmas dinner is being organized for December 12th
   * Del Klassen will do a soccer mural out back of the school
   * Student council did pumpkins, Halloween dance, has organized a minute-to-win-it for Halloween tomorrow. After Remembrance Day, will start doing food at morning break possibly after lunch – hopefully once a week.
   * School is paying for some kids to eat lunch at the cafeteria; office will get bags of groceries for Mitch to deliver to student homes; breakfast program has had good usage
   * Behaviour Matrix – reviewed the new posters that will be printed and used in classrooms.
5. **New Business:**
   * Wellness Centre – paint request is in to the family office; two murals/flags will be added to walls in the outer office. Decision will be made and furniture purchased this week: couch, loveseat, chair, table and chairs, desk/table for one of the offices. Will be a space that can be used to meet. Offices will be used by clinicians, case workers, etc.
   * Student Wellness Activities – plan is to start having lunch time activities; Kitty has started some make-and-take activities; Kitty has obtained a $1000 grant through Parrsboro Creative to help fund art visual journaling. Applied for a grant to do a student art gallery with a Community theme (Kitty, Mitch, Ava) – support from Parrsboro Creative to do this.
   * Response to increase in OSS – Ms Fraser has been in contact with the Youth Project in Halifax; will be trying to host presentations in grades 7-12 to give more information on allyship. Glenn Thompson (equity coach with CCRCE) is working to set up a guest presentation for the school as a reminder about Attacks on Identity; Kitty has suggested that if the presentation is a podcast form/recorded then we might be able to put it out for parents to listen and learn as well.
   * African Nova Scotian support worker (Jenna Walsh) will be starting next week
   * Indigenous support worker (Gord Pictou) is no longer in that position and CCRCE is hiring someone new to work in this position.
   * Teacher Wellness – want to add a teacher wellness action step to our SSP goals this cycle. Michelle will send out a Google Form to determine what staff might be interested in participating in to support their well-being. Ann has suggested a one-off session with Janet Globel (Art Lab) that can create clay ornaments for us to paint and be fired.
   * SAC Professional Learning Session – Wanda and Kitty will be attending this in Truro on the evening of November 9th.
   * Teacher financial requests – Sharon Midwinter has requested some robotics equipment, looking for $6000 total between SAC and other funds available at the school; teacher looking for a SmartBoard. Voted to approve the SmartBoard purchase – Wanda/Kitty will look into getting a quote on this. SAC is interested in supporting Sharon’s robotics request but we need to wait until we figure out how expensive a SmartBoard is before we can commit money.
6. Finances – SAC has around $8000.00 to spend this year.
7. Next Meeting: November 28th, 2023
8. Adjournment at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Hoffmann, Secretary.