**AGENDA**

**Halifax Central Junior High**



**SAC Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2025**

**6:00pm-7:00pm**

**In Attendance**: Andrew Bray (Principal), Clare Bilek (Chair), Mac Torres (Parent Rep), Kathleen Martin (Parent Rep), Keiran (Student Rep),

**Regrets:** Lorelei Burgess (Community Rep), Pheilm Martin (Staff Rep)

1. **Approval of Agenda**
2. **Approval of Minutes- October 15 & November 20 meetings-** defer
3. **SAC Membership Review**

Clare reviewed the current membership composition. The official voting membership of SAC is still in need of one staff member, one Community rep and additional student reps for Grades 7 and 8. The Secretary and Vice-Chair roles are still open.

1. **School Photography Contract**

SAC will need to consider bids from three photography companies before choosing one for the upcoming school year. Calnen’s has put in a bid. There was discussion about the company’s long-term commitment to the school and the owners being former students of the school. The decision will be deferred to a future meeting.

1. **Principal’s Report**

Andrew Bray reported on School Success Planning. The Short Cycle 2 is underway. Initial assessments are complete, and Math plans are in place for students with grades under 75% to receive individual support.

In ILT (Integrated Learning Time), students will be undertaking engineering design challenges in partnership with EngineersNS. There will be a mural project with focus on women in engineering. There was discussion about funding for an outdoor mural project but no decisions were made. The consensus was that the SAC did not want to redirect funding to murals away from outdoor projects already underway.

Mr. Bray reported that the Grade 9 trip this year will be an overnight trip to Brigadoon from May 20-22. We will be hosting the Art Expo on April 17.

Mr. Bray also briefed the SAC about an issue involving school sport, particularly about large margins of victory and the message that sends to both students at our school and from opposing schools. The SAC discussed the values of inclusion, opportunity and sportsmanship for junior high sport, and we want our student-athletes to reflect those values in the sports in which they participate. Mr. Bray will ensure those values are communicated again to our coaches, along with our appreciation for their volunteerism.

Our next meeting will be February 26, 2025.

1. **Adjournment**