**Halifax Central Junior High School**

**SAC Meeting Meeting Summary**

January 25, 2023

6:00pm (Via Google Meet)

Meeting Chair: Kelly Bowers

**1. Welcome**: In attendance: Valerie Meers (Principal), Heather Mackay (Vice Principal), Kelly Bowers (Chair), Jennie Colburn (Secretary), Pheilm Martin (staff rep), Lorelei Burgess (community rep), Laurianne Falkwin (community rep), Kathleen Martin (parent rep), student reps: Seth, Youssef, Elise, Elly, Scarlett, Kieran, Allie

2. **Approval of Agenda (Decision)**: Agenda approved.

3. **Approval of Minutes (Information/Decision)and Review of Action Items:** Minutes were unavailable for review; will be reviewed at next meeting.

**4. Communication and Feedback from school community (Discussion):**

Kelly Bowers brought forward the ask of how we can engage our school community as a whole through effective communication. The group discussed different ways to achieve best results including posters, emails to families with regular updates and attached SAC minutes, continued blurbs home and around the school about ‘What is SAC?’, recruitment for new grade 6 students and families every Spring , having SAC students and adult reps at the orientation sessions.

**5. Mental Wellness Promotion (Discussion):**

As an SAC, we are working towards creating a more defined framework around the third of the SSP goals: well being. Specifically, we are looking to promote hope, purpose, meaning and belonging within our unique school community. We discussed different ways to promote this within the school (multicultural festivals, wellness activities, end of year events, etc.). And we hope to continue to keep this as a lens or filter for all activities in the school moving forward. Further discussion to be had at the next meeting after staff discuss and then discuss with the student body.

**6. Principal’s Report**

* Heather McKay started on January 3, 2023 as Acting VP until Erica Phillips’ return
* Grade 9 Survey results for End of Year Celebration
* SSP updated as of January 10th

**7. Adjournment**: Meeting adjourned 6:57pm; Next meeting Feb 22, 2023