WBS School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Agenda

February 20th, 2024, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm   Location: West Bedford School Library

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1. **Opening**
   ● Call to Order
   ● Welcome and Introductions
   ● Any urgent items to add to the Agenda?

2. **Approval of Minutes from January 2024 Meeting**
   ● Review and Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

3. **SAC Discussion on decision to close main driveway**:
   ● Principal has requested that Constable Desrochers attend SAC meeting to discuss the reasons for the decision to close the kiss and go lane and to require families to use the lower WBH parking lot or road instead.

4. **Follow-up on Action Items from Previous Meetings**
   ● Principal – Principal to circulate draft of the Micro Survey Questions and Student Success Survey Question for SAC review
   ● As these replaced the SAC Survey, would be good to ensure the questions address issues of interest and concern to students, families and community

5. **Principal's Update:**
   ● WBS Home and School Committee selected and first meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20th from 6:30-8:00 pm
     ○ Invite Chair/VC to attend next SAC meeting
     ○ Mechanisms to foster collaboration & avoid overlap (i.e. funding proposals etc)?

6. **SAC Funds Review and Review of Funding Applications**
   ● Bei/Alex – Update/Review on SAC funds status
   ● Gary - Update on existing proposal Song Project Funding Proposal / Update status of community fundraising/sponsors (great job Gary!!!)
   ● Co-Chairs/Principal Casey - New Proposals:
     ○ Application by Trevor Dimoff, Band Teacher, seeking $2290 for 40 students in Grade 7/8 Band to participate in Atlantic Music Festival
     ○ Application by Phys Ed teachers Abigail Tramble, Tom Mahaney, Emily Bell, Kiera Hewitt, Terry Ryan, Richelle Tobin, seeking $820 for inclusive gym and outdoor equipment and have referenced that additional equipment will help with inclusivity and crowded gym space
   ● Any other applications received?

7. All SAC – Discussion overcrowding/Decision on letter to HRCE before decision/plan made:

- SAC Co-Chair is recommending letter proactively be sent to HRCE to ensure SAC input is taken into account before HRCE decisions/plans made?   No consultation has occurred since 2023 or none been announced by the Executive Director or Minister.
  o Members of Parent/Community page canvassing interest to start a petition on overcrowding and revisit boundaries.
  o Some parents citing that their students are struggling with the overcrowding / impacts on student life (recess/lunch times, class sizes, gym and outdoor space use, limited extra-curricular activities, crowded indoors and out). Notably, some cite vacant classrooms at others schools and wanting to transfer their children to smaller schools next year. Some are fine with the size and had similar concerns at their former schools.
  o Possible Actions for SAC discussion/decision:
    - Include questions on these issues in student and family/community surveys to capture balanced and objective feedback
    - Send letter to HRCE to ensure SAC/student family/community input is taken into account BEFORE decisions/plans are made
    - Invite parents/community to SAC meeting for discussion

8. **HRCE Requests for WB SAC Review / Input**
   - Co-Chairs - HRCE is requesting WB SAC input on website updates to meet accessibility standards and to improve navigation: To get started, **click here.** HRCE Contact Cierra Thomas, Administrative Assistant of ED, on behalf of Communications Team Cierra.Thomas@hrce.ca
   - HRCE is requesting WB SAC input on School Food and Nutrition Policy. Completed in Fall but low participation and SAC, please provide thoughts related to the school food environment- documents circulated in January and attached again February (contacts are: Sharlene.whelan@novascotia.ca or Joanna.mcdonald@novascotia.ca).

9. **Student Representative items**
   - Any new items or follow up? Reminder to please forward items for inclusion in agenda.

10. **SAC Members' questions/comments**
    - Any other business?

4. **Future Meetings and Adjournment**
   - Next SAC Meeting: April 2024
   - Adjournment of the Meeting