**Date**: May18, 2022

**Time**: 6:00 P.M.

# In Attendance

**Students:** Grade 9 Rep, Grade 7 Rep

**Parents:** Karen Saweczko (chair); Meenakshi Jayakeerthi; Nirety Twy

**School Staff:** Krissy Brewer

**Community Members:** Janet Lee

**School Administration:** B. Anyanwu; B. Melanson; A Ferguson

**Regrets:** Sheetal Ajay

# Agenda

1. Call to order
   1. Principal’s Report
   2. Student Reports
   3. Q&A with Andy McNeil (School Supervisor) and Rafah DiConstanzo (MLA)
   4. SAC Input-Physical Activity Framework
   5. Discussion of remaining SAC funds
   6. Adjournment: Next Meeting TBD
2. Call to Order

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:05 P.M. The meeting was held via Zoom.

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# Reports

2.1 To follow as attachment. Highlights were a) increase in number of students to 879; b) there are concerns that not all PP are registering, which could cause space issues with them moving into main building; c) changes to support Learning Centre meant loss of staff washroom; d) Mr. Melanson is leaving and Mr Stone will be the new VP; e) hope for more focus on wellness next year, including larger school events; f) Grade 9 will have a dinner and cruise on June 20, with a closing on June 28; g) next year will see combined classes, 2 combined and 1 straight at most grade levels, which is necessary to keep class caps; h) there will be 22 elementary classes, 11 junior high classes and 2 pre-primary classes; i) cafeteria services have reopened for tender.

2.2 Student Reports: a) everything is fine in Grade 7, and Ms Kelly is back as gym teacher; b) things are moving smoothly in Grade 9. Garbage cans for the fields, vending machines and menstrual products in the bathroom were all requested. A new logo should also be discussed.

3. New Business

3.1 MLA spoke about new school. Land is difficult to find, so options continue to be the parkland behind Park West (which some community members pushed back on) and Bayers Lake (which is not a walking school). There may be an option to build onto the existing school. She has been told there is a solution but the meeting with the Minister of Education has not yet happened. She will keep us informed. The staff commented that we have enough classroom space only because spaces designed for art and music are being used as classrooms. There is also a lack of space for school psychologists, speech etc to meet.

3.2 Andy McNeil spoke about space being a peninsula problem, as all the elementary schools are overcrowded. Halifax West cannot move to the 9-12 module because there would be over 2000 students. Given all of the overcrowding, Park West is in good shape for now. There are some programming gaps with junior high but those exist in many schools. Currently there is no plan for additional spaces. Beranger predicts 850 kids which we can do under cap. However, Beranger cannot accurately predict pre-primary enrollment or immigration. If that happens, creative use of cafeteria or library spaces are likely since portables are in short supply. Support teachers would also be provided if over cap.

3.3 Physical Activity Framework: we discussed the requirement for food insecurity to be considered and for current COVID policies for outdoor classes to be incorporated. The point was made that the framework needs good but we need policies on how to implement it, especially where space may be an issue. The framework should be implemented now, not years from now. Teacher training on the use of outdoor spaces is also paramount. All suggestions have been submitted to the HRCE by the SAC Chair.

3.4 The development of a new logo is a great idea; however it is rather late in the year. The suggestion was made for a contest in the fall, students would submit designs and then a selection committee would make the decision. The only costs would be a formal rendering of the design for incorporation on merchandise.

3.5 It was agreed the remainder of the SAC Grant, approximately $400, would be used towards the Grade 9 dinner and boat cruise.

3.6 A question was asked about the breakfast program offerings. It’s a trial and will be constantly improving, with more storage space for items being a priority.

Adjourned: 7:45 PM

Next Meeting: TBD