**Herring Cove Junior High**

**School Advisory Committee Meeting**

October 23, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Via MS Teams

**Present**: Josh Chapman, Jim Curry, Brent Keough, Erica Reid, Lisa Verrall, Nicole McKeever

**Regrets**: Christina Neary, Sherisse O’Leary, Holly Lake, Charlie Ewing, Kelly O’Sullivan

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2024**

NOT APPROVED- NO QUORUM

Informal discussion on the topics below. No votes/decision were made.

1. **New Business**
   1. **SAC Agreement**
   2. **Position of Chairperson**
      * Proposed change of agreement to have a rotating chairperson to facilitate the meetings.
   3. **SAC Spending Priorities**
      * New speaker for the gymnasium to be used in PE class and Open Gym times
      * Bicycle Rack (paused for construction)
   4. **Healthy Hunger**
      * The provincial lunch program is only being launched for elementary schools this year, but we anticipate a fall 2025 launch, but nothing is confirmed.
   5. **SSP Update and Student Questionnaire**
      * Examples of points to reflect upon:
        + 1. 95% of students agree that it is important to work hard in school, which is very positive.
          2. 79% feel like they belong in their school, which seems like a strong number until we consider that 21% do not feel a sense of belonging in our school, which is a concern.
      * We want all students to feel a sense of belonging, so we will be introducing new ways to make connections, like, but not limited to alternate versions of the anthem in the morning and multicultural music on Fridays at dismissal.
   6. **End of the Year Ceremonies**
      * Parents want a more inclusive experience for end-of-year ceremonies whereby students can receive awards for academic and athletics achievement.
      * Example given from Harrietsfield that teachers gave each finishing student a personalized certificate recognizing a skill, strength or accomplishment for each child.
      * Consider having a Closing/completion ceremony to include all students
      * It was also mentioned that Brendan Maguire’s office gave students in other schools certificates to recognize their completion. Concerns were raised about providing student names to outside organizations, which is a breach of student confidentiality.
2. **Principal’s Report:**
3. The Principal’s report was presented, as attached, with some updates since the time of writing:

* Construction is on schedule for the roof and will be finished shortly
* Parking will be reduced when they begin the window installation to allow for a relocated bus lane.
* Nothing dangerous will be happening during the school day.

1. **Student Report**

Nothing to report this month.

1. **Other Business**

None

1. **End of Meeting:**  6:28 p.m.