

SAC minutes December 7th, 2023
Ridgecliff Middle School

Attendance: members & guests.

(G. White, J. Quinn, M. O'Neill, V. Dockendorff, S. Harvey, K. Rose, M. Materi, D. Bourque, J. Prosper, A. Lodder, community guest)

Postponing the revisions of our SAC bylaws agreements until we hear more information from DOE on SAC agreements.

Principal's report- 606 current student enrollment (**see attached below for full Principal's report**).

Additional VP request- formula is based on classroom teachers. Therefore, we are not likely getting a VP this year unless we are allocated more teachers. We have 42.1 FT staff; part time VP is 44 FTE teachers. Allocation is based in the spring.

Question- If we not only base this on new students since September, but base it on the needs of the students (LC, Resource, adaptations, etc.), can we get more allocation? No, was the answer.

Exciting news—Our grade 8 Provincial assessment results are showing growth!

Community concern- garbage from student's leaving their garbage in the neighborhood. Collectively, we will continue to dig into "why" our students are doing so and how we can approach this concern. Active Citizenship/ Grade 7 & 8 Science curriculum- explicit teaching.

Action- We (Greg) will reach out to see if the city or we are able to provide more permanent garbage cans around the school and on the St. Margaret's Bay road between Pizza town and Irving...

SAC Funds/ Proposal- Trauma Informed approaches workshops around impacts of social media from presenter Lethbridge, AB. It includes 4 presentations- students, staff, professional, and parents. We are interested in having the opportunity to bring CTIP to RMS. Mr. White has connected with other schools to seek interest in sharing the costs for flights and accommodations. The presentation for the school costs \$2000.00, plus that will be paid for by our SAC funds. Majority of SAC members saw this as a great opportunity for all.

Action- Information was shared with SAC and will look to have approval asap.

Cell Phones Policy proposal at Ridgecliff for the new year. Mr. White shared an article for SAC members to read prior to our meeting to discuss the impact of cellphones in school and how we can shift our approach. With enough time and communication, we are hoping to implement this beginning January 2nd, 2023. Mr. White shared RMS Cell Phone Expectation and Procedures.

Action- Motion proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Next SAC: February 7th 5:00pm.

Principal's Report

Current Enrollment: 606

VP Update - NA
CTRI Possibility
Enhancing Local Voice

Coming Up

December 13: Holiday Concert
December 20: Last Day of Classes

Spirit Week coming up

Professional Development Days and Teacher Learning

November 23: ½ day Student Success Planning

Athletics

Basketball Tryouts – girls and boys
Volleyball – boys season lost in semis ; girls heartbreaker loss semi finals
Commemoration over gym doors
Cross Country – started

Garbage

Emergency Management Plan