

## **Minutes from SAC meeting at Forest Heights - Feb. 22 2016**

In attendance

Tammy Smith

Clare Rivard, Janet Larder, Lisa Aiken

Lee Lailiberte

Jody Conrad

Miles Page

The first order of business was to review January's minutes and make minor adjustments. Please note they new and improved minutes were submitted on Feb. 23.

Miles page discussed the up in coming meeting in May to decide on a new school picture photographer. Potential companies to present at a proposed meeting will be Lifetouch, N.S School Pictures and Harvey's. The presentation will take place at the May SAC meeting.

Mr. Page attended the SAC Education Session in early Feb. and felt it was a useful information session but a bit redundant for him personally. It would have been served better if a new SAC member could have attended but due to other commitments this was not possible. There is to be a new Provincial survey to be administrated through the school system. Students of Grades 7-12 would be polled sometime by the end of March. Some issues to be included on the survey will be anxiety and stress situations in a student's life.

The new art teacher, Rebecca Fisk is a wonderful addition to the teaching staff at Forest Heights. She is on as a full time term position till the end of the school year. This position will be posted again as a permanent position for 2017. As far as staffing for 2017 the school board is presently looking at student enrollment, numbers of students with special needs and various other factors to determine staffing for 2017. There has also been a team put together to re-vamp the course selection for next year and it will be exciting to see what new courses may be available for future students. The sledge Hockey tournament was a huge success, all tickets were used and the event was well attended. A signed Canada team jersey was given to the school and it will be mounted and framed proudly in the school soon.

There is a new lounge to be incorporated into the school adjacent to the library. This new Learning Commons area will provide simple relaxed seating options for the students and create new dynamics to working pods or spaces.

In sports at Forest Heights, there is much excitement with the Wrestling and Curling teams. March 31-April 2 is the curling provincials and March 31-Apr2 is the NSSAF Wrestling Provincials and teams from Forest Height will be represented respectively. Not to be left out is the boy's senior basketball team

which is also going to the Provincials March 4-5 in Bridgewater. There was also a Math League from Forest Heights and they attended a competition in Parkview.

The school clothing website is now available on line and will soon be connected to the schools website page.

Constable Francis will be coming to the school over the month of March and will be discussing the perils of human trafficking to groups of students. Also a MADD presentation took place at the school and was presented to the entire school.

Jody Conrad was happy to report that the gym is busy 7 days a week and that 7000 individual outside community member visits were signed in at the school entrance for 2015-2016 so far. The learning center has a new co-ordinator. Ms. Armstrong is a MSV student and will be a great addition to the team. The rec.dept is hiring students now for summer programming. April 23 is the deadline for youth leader positions.

Respectively submitted

Lisa Alken