**Minutes**

**Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea Elementary Student Advisory Council**

September 17, 2018 | 6:00pm |BLT Sr.

**Attending:** Todd Barter, Principal, BLT Sr.; Colleen Cash, Parent, BLT Sr. (Chair); Patricia Leger, Principal, BLT Jr.; Tracey Quinn, Vice Principal, BLT Sr.; Rob Sutherland, Parent, BLT Jr.

Regrets: Ian Angus, Community Member; Lynn Wyatt- Reichheld, Vice Principal BLT Jr.

1. **Welcome**

Meeting began at 6:05 with introduction of the attendees.

1. **Review of May Meeting Minutes**

Minutes reviewed and accepted with no amendments.

T. Quinn/R. Sutherland

**3.0 Principals Report Jr. Building**

Patricia Leger’s report spoke to the following:

* We had a strong and solid start to our new year! Very positive overall. Bussing is still tricky but hopefully starting to work out.
* Enrolment: 410 with all classrooms used.
* Meet and Greet Parent Teacher Night will be held on Thursday, Sept. 27.
* Creativity Through Art: Ardelle Giza, Art Coordinator, will be working with us once again this year on projects around the school: Dance Hop, murals (washroom and above the fountain: inspirational saying, main entrance (designing a display that incorporates our missing of inclusiveness)
* Orange Shirt Day: Thursday, Sept. 27
* Terry Fox Walk: Monday, Oct.1
* Picture Day: Thursday, Oct. 4/Retake Day: Oct. 29
* Planning for Improvement Conference Sept. 29. We’ll be reviewing our school plan and the goals and strategies associated with math and literacy.
* Breakfast Program: Our breakfast program is serving over 200 students each day. We have a healthy team of parent volunteers who run this program twice a week. They are really a blessing for our students.
* Report Cards: Reports go home on Nov. 29. P/T interviews are Dec. 6 1pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm.
* Holiday Concerts: Dec. 11 and Dec. 12 with Dec. 13 as Snow Day
* Green Holiday: Dec. 19 and snow day is Dec. 20.
* Remembrance Day Assembly: Friday, Nov. 9 at 9:00. Our grade two students will be going to the sr. building for their assembly. We invite all members of the community including military personnel. We are establishing a wall of honor.

1. **Principal’s Report- Sr. Building**

Todd Barter presented the following report

* Our school is off to an amazing start. Our students and staff have settled in, they are establishing their classrooms and our school as their community, and are now positioned to dive fully into the curriculum.
* We have several new staff members with us this year who have some exciting ideas which they have brought to our students and our school.
* This year we have 17 classrooms with an average of 24 students per class and capacity being up to a possibility of 27.
* Our staff have made great strides in the past 2 years to have our building and classrooms be more warm and inviting by painting and changing furniture. We will continue to look for ways to improve our building to benefit the students.
* On our Sept. PD day our staff will be working on our new school improvement plan. We are excited to get rolling on strategies for supporting growth in our students.
* School activity wise we have had curriculum night, Pink Shirt day, 2 fire drills, a hold and secure drill and a lockdown drill, school photos and our two GRIN and Golden Bucket award winners. Coming up Terry Fox Walk, our first positive participation assembly and Orange Shirt Day (to educate about the impact residential schools have had on our native communities). We are excited to have expanded our monthly assembly to include a PE, core French award, a music award, resource and learning centre awards and a Golden Sneaker
* October 1 marks Treaty Day and the start of Mi’maq Heritage Month.

**5.0 Enhanced Role SAC**

The committee discussed the documents circulated from the Halifax Regional Centre for Education regarding the enhanced role of the Student Advisory Council. Concerns were raised regarding lack of clarity and specific direction regarding the new role, specifically the criteria for administration of a newb budget of $5000.00 to be used for school improvement. Members agreed to keep this item as a standing discussion point as new information becomes available and the council will continue to operate according to guidelines which were in place prior to the Glaze report.

Council members also reviewed its membership composition. According to current guidelines the SAC is to consist of:

* Principals from each school
* 2 parents/guardians from each school
* 2 school staff members (1 teacher and 1 support staff member) from each school
* 1 community representative

Current vacancies include one parent from the Jr. Building, one parent from the Sr. Building, and support staff. The importance of diversity in the council membership was also highlighted. The following recruitment efforts were agreed to:

* A call for applications will be included in the school newsletters
* An invitation to apply for membership will be sent to specific individuals.

1. **Meeting Dates:**

SAC meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

* October 15, 2018
* November 19, 2018
* January 21, 2019
* February 25, 2019
* March 25, 2019
* April 15, 2019
* May 27, 2019
* June 17, 2019