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TRANSITION PLANNING TEAM UPDATE



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April 10, 2017



In preparation for the combining of Sheet Harbour Consolidated and Duncan MacMillan High School beginning in the fall of 2017, the transition team has been established.

*NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL
GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL,
COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN
CHANGE THE WORLD; INDEED, IT'S
THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.*

Margaret Meed

The team consists of Amy MacLeod, Supervisor for the Duncan Family of Schools, parent representation from the SACs, teachers and administration from each of the affected schools, including Lakefront Consolidated who will be going through this process in two years. Members include: Ronnie Reynolds, Jeannie Hubley, Mike McWatters, Beth Baker, Wanda Scott, Lisa Hutt, Troy Smith, Kirinda Glawson, Carole DesBarres, Joy Josey, and Erin Boutilier.

Focus of the Committees Work:

Communication: The purpose of the team is to make the transition from one school to another as seamless as possible for the students, parents and staff. We recognize the importance of maintaining open communication with all parties involved in and impacted by this amalgamation. This is an exciting time for our school community and we embrace the opportunity to be the very first P-12 school in the Halifax Regional School Board.

The administration of both schools has been working with the HRSB Operations team to address issues related to accommodating for the incoming elementary students (sinks, height of soap dispensers, shelves and

benches for belongings). The school is utilizing every available space to allow for adequate programming for all levels. Ms. Reynolds and Ms. Scott praised their staff members for their hard work and diligence with having to prepare for the move.

Student Input: We know that students have a lot of questions about coming together and want to know things like: Where will we play? Will we have access to the cafeteria? Will we share gym equipment? And many more. We all recognize the importance of student concerns being addressed to help relieve any anxiety they may be experiencing. The administration at Duncan will be providing a "Question Box" for

students to anonymously submit their questions or concerns which they may have. At SHCS they will incorporate the same model through their Cross Age Buddies.

Site Visits: There are two days set aside for SHCS students to go to DMHS for cross age activities. May 17th will be the first visit which will involve Primary to Grade 9 students. Team-building activities will be held and a BBQ for students and staff at noon. Parents/Guardians of SHCS are invited to attend the BBQ. Musical entertainment will be provided by Keith Mullins. The second visit will occur on May 31st for Primary to Grade 12. There will be a series of workshops for students to participate in, for example: RCMP Obstacle Course, Discovery Centre Planetarium, painting with Julie Adamson and Jude Gerrard will talk about diversity. AT 12:10 there will be a BBQ lunch for

all to enjoy. There will also be activities planned for the afternoon.

Teaching and Learning Spaces: Are well underway for next year. Great care and consideration is going into every aspect of program delivery and creating spaces that will provide maximum opportunities for student engagement and participation.

The TPT met on May 1, 2016. More information to follow.

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE MORE – T.E.A.M

