**Shatford Home & School Meeting**

**October 26, 2020 – 6:30-8:00 pm - via Zoom**

Attendees: Morgan Giffin (Co-Chair), JoAnn Hare (Co-Chair), Paula Brigley, Shaina Falcone, Amy Middleton, Courtenay Murdoch, Laila Riebetz, Sarah Wile

Regrets: Kendra Axhorn, Sarah Hare, Debbie Malaidack

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

Sarah moved to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2020 meeting. Shaina seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

**Principal’s Report**

* All the Covid protocols are going really well with the students.
* The school recently practiced fire, lockdown, relocation drills, and had a visit and education sessions from the fire department.
* Mi’kmaq History Month is underway with activities, announcements, and virtual presentations.
* Ms. Giza, the Fine Arts specialist, has been visiting to do art projects with the classes.
* The grade5s and 6s painted outdoor chalkboards on school walls.
* The trail bridge behind the school was repaired by parent volunteers, with funding for materials from the SAC. Later this week, work will continue to redirect and drain the water that runs down the path and washes out crusher dust.
* The classes will be having virtual artist visits - a magician/comedian for grades 3-6 and puppet show for grades P-2.
* Sarah clarified blended learning, or “Plan B”, in the province’s Back to School Plan. Grades 9-12 will have remote learning from home and grades P-8 will continue to go to school, but in smaller cohorts of about 15 students per class. This means that students at some schools will have to relocate to high schools. Shatford has enough space to allow all students to stay at the school. Planning for the blended learning model has been underway since August, in case it is needed.

**Budget**

* Sarah drafted a 2020-21 budget, using the same allocations as last year, and shared it with the committee.
* Not all money was spent in last year’s budget, since in-person learning and school activities ended in March. The 2019 auction funds that weren’t used last school year, and some of $10K donation will be used to fund this year’s budget, with the aim of retaining most of the donation for 2021-2022, since there will be no auction this year.
* **Action:** JoAnn and Sarah will meet this week to review and modify budget as discussed.
* **Action**: JoAnn will look into details of potential available grant money for outdoor play spaces/ classrooms and give info to Sarah for consideration.

**School Logo**

* Sarah would like to update the Shatford logo and slogan
* Layla designed some ideas for consideration and presented two fantastic logos for discussion.
* **Action**: Layla will write up a short summary explaining each logo and send to Sarah. Sarah will ask the teachers to share the logos and info with the students to get their input on which logo they prefer. Teachers will also ask students to share a word that describes what is important to them about Shatford, or how Shatford makes them feel. This info will help inform the development of a school slogan.

**Sign**

* The school sign is rotting and the letters fall off, so it is not currently functional.
* HRCE has confirmed they will repair it, but won’t buy a new one. Sarah is working with them to confirm a decision. If a new sign is required, SAC/ H&S can discuss if a new type of sign should be ordered or a replacement letterboard.

**Adjournment**

* Shaina moved to adjourn the meeting. Courtenay seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.