

Annual Report for the 2023/2024 School Year

Dear Parents and School Community:

The **Amherst Island Public School** (AIPS) School Advisory Council had a rewarding ninth year in operation. The school council held five (5) meetings throughout the year on October 2nd, 2023, December 4th, 2023, January 22nd, 2024, April 15th, 2024, and June 4th, 2024. The council worked on various issues during the year with the two main initiatives involving the milk program and storage for the donated school barbecue. These meetings are open to the public to encourage input from parents and other members of the school community.

The purpose of the school council is to help improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. To that end, the specific actions/ achievements of the school council in 2023/2024 included funding the open house barbecue at the beginning of the year and the community barbecue near the end of the year, purchasing/assembling a shed to store the new (donated by Ms. Cooper) school barbecue and continuing the availability of free milk to every student for the year. The council kept apprised of various school improvements completed or expected (i.e. painting the gym, new windows, exterior cladding, etc.) and general updates relayed by the principal and teachers. The council also met with our board Trustee, Robin Hutchins, to keep informed on the Community Use of Schools Agreement and on the Accommodation Review and how that could impact AIPS

No fundraising efforts were required this year due to substantial contributions from the community organization, ISLE. Financial records and minutes of meetings held are available for public inspection at the school office.

We wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the school council last year. Special thanks are due to the following members of the 2023/2024 school council: Andrew McDonald (Chair), Susan Forester (Treasurer), Renée Minville (Secretary), Mike Walhout (Indigenous Engagement Coordinator), Jean Paquin (Principal), and Theone Cooper and Cindy Caverly (Teacher Representatives).

Finally, the date of the next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 6pm**. All are welcome and we are always looking for new members to the committee, so please keep your eyes open for the communication!

Sincerely yours,

Amherst Island Public School – School Advisory Council (SAC)

Cc: Jean Paquin (Principal), LDSB Board Office