

Chiganois PTG and SAC Very Active

By Linda Harrington

The Chiganois PTG held their recent meeting on October 16th. The 2019-2020 Executive is Jen MacKay (President), Amanda Eisses (Vice President), Shelley Vandenburg (Treasurer), and Paula Putnam (Secretary). Please come out and support your child's school. Everyone welcome!

The School Advisory Council (SAC) exists as an advisory body to the administration of the school. It is comprised of staff, parents and community members, and meets six times throughout the school year to discuss a wide range of issues including policy, curriculum & programs, and the ongoing efforts of the school to improve student achievement & performance to mention a few. The SAC met on September 18th for the first meeting of the school year. Items discussed included reviewing the System Improvement Plan, membership, setting dates for the year and an update on the Annual Report for the School Success Plan. As well as the Letter of Agreement was discussed. Meeting dates for this year are: October 16th, November 27th, Jan 15th, Feb 19th, April 15th and June 3rd. Come out for any or all meetings. It is a great way to get involved in school life.

Terry Fox Run was a huge success! This year Chiganois Elementary sure had incentive to raise lots of money for Terry Fox. Mr. Gunn provided the students with a challenge which was to raise at least \$2500 and he would

wear something silly to school. In addition, any student who raised \$100 or more was eligible to throw a cream pie in the face of a staff member of their choice. In total the school raised \$6256.10! Thank you to everyone for supporting such a worthy cause.

Virtue of the Month: Thankfulness. I will show gratitude through my emotions and attitude. I will show thanks when I receive a benefit from someone else or when I give to others through my thoughts, words and actions

Volunteer Reading Initiative- Do you enjoying reading and have some free time that you could volunteer at Chiganois Elementary School? Maybe a grandma or grandpa would be interested in having students read to them. We would love to have you as part of the volunteer reading initiative that supports our goal to improve literacy in the Student Success Plan. The more a child is able to read, the better they become at using their reading strategies. If you feel this would be a good volunteer fit for you, give the school a call at 902-662-4420.

Boston Pizza Reading Program- The Boston Pizza Reading Program is a great incentive to engage students in reading. All students are given a reading form log to complete from Boston Pizza for their reading program. If your child reads 20 minutes for 20 evenings, they can fill out the sheet and hand it in to their teacher. This is recorded daily. At each PTG

(Parent Teacher Group) meeting, students that achieve the goal and have completed and returned the reading log will be rewarded with a gift certificate from Boston Pizza for a free kid's meal with no strings attached (no other purchase required). As each child finishes one reading log form they may start another. This program will run throughout the school year...happy reading!

Boston Pizza Challenge- The Boston Pizza Challenge is another initiative the PTG has decided to be a part of during the school year. The Challenge requires collecting receipts from Boston Pizza Purchases (eat in/take out). The PTG will receive 10% of the money back from the total receipts purchased to be donated back to Chiganois for student year

end activities. Please send the receipts in with your child to hand in to their teachers. The receipts have to be entered within 1 week of purchase, so this has to be done quickly.

Halloween Dance Date was held on October 24th from 630pm-8pm at the gym. There were several fun activities for the kids to do, including a pumpkin carving competition but most enjoyed wearing their costume and dancing the evening away.

There was no school on Oct. 25th due to the Provincial Conference.

The Principal's Lunch for birthdays in October will be held on Oct. 31st. Students are encouraged to wear orange, black & yellow on this day for Halloween, also.

New Goals to Fight Climate Change

Environment Minister Gordon Wilson tabled legislation on October 23 that sets ambitious new goals to fight climate change and grow the green economy.

The Sustainable Development Goals Act will: Reduce Nova Scotia's greenhouse gas emissions by 53 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030; move Nova Scotia to a net zero carbon footprint by 2050; create a Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund to support community projects that fight climate change and grow the economy and ensure a new climate change strategy is in

place by the end of 2020 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, expand Nova Scotia's green economy and create jobs

Most of the Environmental Goals and Sustainability Prosperity Act (EGSPA) goals have been achieved, such as having 25 per cent of electricity generated with renewable energy sources by 2015. The province is on track to exceed 40 per cent by 2020.

More information about the legislation is available at: <https://novascotia.ca/nse/sustainable-development-goals-act/>

The Shoreline Tid-Bits Journal

Application deadline November 18th

Applications are being accepted for agencies, boards and commissions, groups that provide advice and services in a variety of areas, including health care, education, environment, culture and professional regulation. The application deadline for some opportunities is November 18. Applications for many other positions are accepted year-round.

In order to increase the diversity of the agencies, boards and commissions, applications are encouraged from youth, women, Mi'kmaq and other Indigenous people, African Nova Scotians and other racially visible people, persons with disabilities, Acadian Nova Scotians, immigrants and newcomers and persons from the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

To find out more and to apply, visit <https://www.novascotia.ca/abc> or call 902-424-4877 or 1-866-206-6844.

Public comment deadline November 8th

The focus report for Northern Pulp's proposed effluent treatment plant is now available online. It can be found at https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/Replacement_Effluent_Treatment_Facility_Project/ The public comment period ends Thursday, Nov. 8, at 11:59 p.m. A decision on the proposal is due by Dec. 17. Anyone who wants to share their views on this project can submit them at

www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/comments.asp

People can also: E-mail ea@novascotia.ca or mail to P.O. Box 442, Halifax, NS, B3J 2P8

Building Vibrant Communities Grants

The Building Vibrant Communities grant is available to community groups that deliver, enhance or expand programs that tackle poverty. This includes projects that address workforce attachment, housing, mental health and addictions, food security, youth transition and transportation. This year there will be a stronger focus on projects that promote inclusive economic growth and social well-being for low income families with children. Funding up to \$100,000 per project is available and organizations may submit applications for more than one project. Eligible applicants include community organizations, First Nations communities, registered charities, municipalities and social enterprises. The program is accepting grant applications until midnight Nov. 4. The application and program guidelines are available at

<https://cch.novascotia.ca/building-vibrant-communities-grant>

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Eric Jennings presented Prime Minister Trudeau with a box of Masstown Market-made donuts when he made a quick stop on the campaign trail Oct. 15th. The Prime Minister comment, "Oh, these are the famous donuts!".



Students from the WCCS Citizenship Class arrived at Masstown Market hoping to meet the Prime Minister on Oct. 15th. Unfortunately the Prime Minister was running late and most of the students had to catch their ride back to school.



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