

Inter-School Sports Safety Review Panel (SRP)

August 8, 2019

Room A – 2021 Brunswick Street

Halifax, NS

Meeting Notes

(Subject to approval by SRP)

Welcome and Introductions

Co-chairs Dr. Rob Strang and Ms. Sue Taylor-Foley welcomed members of the SRP and reviewed the agenda. The Terms of Reference and July 18 and 19 meeting notes were finalized and approved.

Advice Framework - Structure

The co-chairs facilitated a conversation on a framework that would be utilized to structure and arrange the advice to the Minister. SRP members provided feedback on the advice framework, including the identified categories.

Accessibility

This item was postponed and rescheduled for the August 29 meeting as key presenters were unable to attend.

School Insurance Program (SIP)

SIP representatives provided an overview of the operations and work of SIP. Discussion with the SRP focused on the role of SIP, collection and reliability of data and how SIP can play a role in supporting improvements in school sport safety while maximizing the opportunity for students to engage in school sport.

ReSport

Ms. Carolyn Townsend, Ms. Crystal Watson and Ms. Rae Gunn provided an overview of ReSport and insights into the linkages between school sport safety and the work of ReSport.

Discussion Panel #3 – The role of coaches in school sport safety

The SRP welcomed the coaches' discussion panel. The coaches discussed the role of coaches in school sport safety, the challenges and issues that emerge and some of the potential solutions to assist coaches and schools to build effective approaches to school sport safety and inclusive sporting environments.

Remarks from Minister Zach Churchill

Minister Churchill shared remarks and insights into the opportunities SRP has to assist in strengthening school sport safety and inclusion in Nova Scotia. Minister Churchill also answered questions and discussed next steps. Minister Churchill thanked SRP members for their time and commitment to the issue and to student well-being. Minister Churchill is looking forward to receiving the SRP's report.

Advice

Dr. Rob Strang and Ms. Sue Taylor-Foley led a facilitated process, asking SRP members to consider and share their preliminary suggestions on the advice to the Minister, given what has been learned so far. SRP members as a follow-up to the meeting were asked to begin adding their advice to the framework. A draft advice framework, compiling these suggestions, would be considered as a starting point for the final meeting on August 29. A final report to the Minister would be ready by the end of the month.

Wrap Up

Dr. Rob Strang and Ms. Sue Taylor-Foley wrapped up the day by thanking participants for their commitment over the course of the day and looked forward to the next SRP meeting on August 29.