

Sackville Heights - SAC Meeting #1
September 16, 2025

Present: Tom Cleary, Lisa Gray, Jenn Stearns, Sherri MacKenzie, Galina Kheison, Holly Clarke, Kyla D'Eon, Corey Murphy, Laura Wheeler

Regrets: Jane Harley, Rene Parsons

Principal Report

- School Start Up went well
- Meet and Greet Night – Moved a day earlier next year
- Safety Drills are being conducted
- School Lunches have begun
- Terry Fox Run this week

New business:

Bylaw and membership Update

By-laws state that we need 4 voting parent member, 4 voting staff members and 4 voting community members.

Voting parent members will be Jane Harley (Chair), Corey Murphy, Holly Clarke, Kyla D'Eon

Voting staff members will be Jenn Stearns, Sherri MacKenzie (need to non-NSTU members)

Voting community members – No community members on the SAC at the moment

Discussion on how we can invite community members and other members who better represent the diversity of our school community. SAC members will reach out to see if we can get other interested people to join (especially community members, and Tom Cleary will reach out in school communication as well.

New Business

1. Request for \$3000.00 to be allocated to a “SAC Resources” fund for teachers to access for Mathematics and Literacy resources for their class this year. Rather than waiting for monthly meetings to request items, this fund will be supervised by admin and items will be -purchased as needed. Expenditures will be reported monthly to SAC members.
 - Request voted on and approved unanimously.
2. New School Behaviour Matrix was shared with the SAC. All schools are creating these in conjunction with the new Code of Conduct. SAC feedback to matrix was requested.

3. Concerns have been raised about safety around the school
 - Tom Cleary will investigate requesting an off-site safety inspection to be completed around the school
 - Is there a possibility of a crossing guard for corner of Old Sackville Rd and Lucasville Rd?
 - SAC members will call 311 re: concerns on Path maintenance (now and in the winter)
 - Parking after school around the school site continues to be a safety concern for staff and families.
 - Tom Cleary will invite HRM Counsellor John Young to attend our next SAC meeting to discuss these concerns.
4. Parent concerns about Communication about Combined Classes
 - It has been reported that many parents are concerned about combined classes – how they work, how curriculum is delivered etc....
 - Communication and resources around Combined Classes will be made available on the school website.

Upcoming Events

- Safety drills continue this month
- Orange Shirt Day – Sept 26
- PD Day – Sept 29
- Truth and Reconciliation Day – Sept 30
- PTA Dance – October 23rd

Meeting Dates for 2025-2026

- October 21, 2025
- November 18, 2025
- January 20, 2026
- February 17, 2026
- April 21, 2026
- May 19, 2026
- June 16, 2026

Next meeting: October 21, 2025 5:30pm