

Sackville Heights Elementary SAC Meeting Minutes Jan 20th, 2026

Attendance: Lisa Gray, Jenn Sterns, Kim Appleby, Holly Clarke, Laura Wheeler, Jane Hurley, Sherri MacKenzie

Staffing Update:

Change in Admin - Short Term Until April 1st

Principal, Lisa Gray

Vice Principal, Jenn Sterns

Music Substitute, Olivia Devine

P-2 relief position - to be filled

Principal's Report:

- PTO Holiday Market - successful community event
- PTO Holiday Gift Wrap - successful move to cafeteria and art room
- Parent Teacher Conferences - April 2nd - student led conferences this term
- HRM Councillor John Young - Dec 1st meeting with Mr. Young, Tom, and Lisa regarding community road safety, lack of crossing guard at Old Sackville/ Lucasville intersection, traffic congestion, limited visibility, and the city maintained path winter maintenance. Tom Cleary emailed follow up confirmation of points considered on Dec 2nd, 2025
- Data Collection - currently collecting literacy data for internal reporting, change to reflecting the same language as report card: ND, DE, WD
- Guest Speakers in Gr5: Science & Tech Lessons by COVE: wind turbine presentation and hands on learning. Grade 5 visit in January. Grade 4 visit upcoming in February
- Literacy Week upcoming - this is a fundraiser with theme days, DEAR time each day, and families welcomes to visit Friday afternoon
- January Assembly Theme: Resilience - Assembly led by grade 3 classes

SSP Update:

- Term 2 Report Cards Show:
81% DE-WD - p-2 literacy
87% DE-WD - p-5 math
- Cycle 2 SSP Plan - moving students forward with math fluency focused on reciprocity with reading and writing goals

SAC Asks:

- \$3000 granted earlier this year and spent as follows:
Approx \$2000 used for Haggerty books and resources for P-2
Approx \$1000 used for math manipulatives to support fact fluency P-5
Remaining funds spend on music and light therapy for the Learning Center

- Principal Lisa Gray requested another \$3000 installment to be spent on the same goals.
Voted Yes - Holly Clarke, Jane Hurley, Laura Wheeler

Other Topics/Discussion:

- Lunch program updates - province is working to address waste with new recipes, and reusable packaging, with updates starting mid-February. New menu items are coming as well.