

Sackville Heights Elementary SAC Meeting Minutes April 21,2026

- Attendance: Jane Harley, Galina Kheisson, Holly Clarke, Lisa Gray, Jenn Stearns, Sherry Mackenzie, Corey Murphy
- Regrets Laura Wheeler
- Approval of agenda: Jane Harley, Second Sherry MacKenzie
- Approval of previous minutes: Corey Murphy, seconded Sherry MacKenzie
- Principals Report: **Staffing update** - Tom Cleary - permanent Job at another school, Lisa Gray and Jenn Stearns to remain in Admin positions until July 31  
- received first allocation for 2026-2027, classroom teachers only (509), LC to follow  
- LC/EPA Allocation meeting – held March 11/26, EPA staffing to follow  
**Fire drill last week** – first one of the Spring, 2 more..... May & June  
**HRCE Operations** – re: recurring odors in our building - issue with pea traps, leak in line from outside tank to inside boilers – repairs completed and on-going monitoring  
**Lunch Program updates** – use of reusable containers is in full swing & going well.  
**Perception Survey & Walk-through** – collaborative effort sponsored by HRCE, DSLI & WCB, conducted by OHS officer Dept of Labour (DLSI) April 14/15. Re-visit early May 2026  
**Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Student Led Conferences well- attended (April 1 evening/April 2 afternoon) - members agreed that starting at 5:30pm for evening meeting would be a good idea to try next year.  
**School photographer** changes – free packages rather than monetary kick-back, member would like to ask is there is a possibility to change the packages or only purchase single sheets. Wallet sized pictures are not used anymore  
**Called 311** – re: on-going traffic issues  
**Upcoming:**  
Dessert Theatre on May 14, 2026  
Spring Fair May 30,2026 (this is the last fundraiser; seed fundraiser went well)  
End of Year Class Trip planning is underway for all grades  
Grade 1 Spirit Assembly –Environment April 28th  
PL Day for teachers on April 29th – P-5 Literacy, new LA curriculum for 3-5  
Phys Ed – Suburban soccer in-class, Run Club at lunch,  
Gr 5 band visit from SHJH  
Gr 3 RWM Provincial Assessments – May 12/13 (Lit) and May 20/21 (Math)  
Staff Appreciation lunch – May 15

SSP UPDATE

- o Cycle 3 of our SSP plan has begun.

o We have had a Math Coach supporting 3 upper elementary classes – focus has been on responsive & targeted lessons directly connected to fact fluency, multiplication and concrete fading (all students with the same jumping in point)

o The focus continues to be about moving students forward in their math fluency and writing skills (foundational sentence & paragraph writing). In particular, teachers are focussing on targeted lessons that are responsive to the specific needs of their students.

Literacy Team Support

o The literacy team continues to work with small groups in classrooms to close gaps and support growth toward Tier 1 expectations. Our Resource and Elementary Literacy Support Teachers are currently working with 26 groups of students every week on literacy. Most of this work takes place in classrooms.

HALIFAX LEARNING PROGRAM

o ELSTs use the Halifax Learning provincial program for reading intervention in grades 1 and 2. The cycle 2 groups are wrapping up next week and the final cycle 3 will focus on a group of first graders as well as revisiting some grade 2 students who may benefit from another cycle of support.

COACHING

o ELSTs are also coaching 3 teachers: 2 teachers with writing practices and the third on solidifying reading instruction toward 'whole word reading'.

**New Business:**

School Photo - keeping Bluenose (Matt MacFarlane)- would like to ask if there is a possibility for different packages or single sheets. Wallet pictures are not needed

**Next Meeting: May 19, 2026 @ 5:30pm**