

SAC Minutes; September 15, 2026

In Attendance:

Martha Walsh	Jenn Stearns	Galina Kheisson	Renee Parsons
Lisa Gray	Sherri MacKenzie	Laura Wheeler	Holly Clarke

Regrets:

Kim Appleby

- Meeting started at 5:30pm
- **School Start Up:** we have 23 classrooms, 3 LC and 2 Resource teachers. Two classrooms P-2 classrooms are at hard cap and many of our 3-5 classrooms are at soft cap (25)
- **Curriculum Night:** well attended, do parents feel that the earlier date was better this year. More maps & communication from teachers about classroom locations to make things easier for families.
- **Emergency Management Planning:** staff professional development before school start up focused on EMP. We have had one fire drill. Our lockdown drill is scheduled for Wednesday AM. RCMP will be attending to assist. We will have a Hold & Secure Drill the week of September 21.
- **Literacy:**
 - ELST are administering one-on-one Acadience reading screeners to all first and second grade students (except a few who have been absent), as mandated by the province. Screeners will identify which students may need more support. Data will be reviewed and students that will be receiving intervention will be identified.
 - P-2 teachers will be meeting to discuss students and make plans for instruction
 - In grades 3-5, Resource Support Teachers have been spending time in classrooms to observe and support students. Grade level meetings with those teachers will take place in the next few weeks as well to determine next steps.
- **SSP:** this will be an area of focus on the PD day (Sept 25). We will be reviewing where we left off at the end of Cycle 3 and continue with the strategies that were outlined to improve student achievement in Literacy, Math and Well-being
- **School Lunches:** being run through the cafeteria again this year. Delivery to classrooms has been smooth. Extended menu items. Containers are being re-used
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Terry Fox Run (Sept 23)
 - PD Day (Sept 25)
 - Observe Orange Shirt Day (Sept 29)
 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Sept 30)
 - Picture Day (Oct 5 and 6)

Bylaw and Membership Update:

Jane Harley has finished her term as SAC chair. We are looking for members who would be interested in taking on this role.

By-laws state that we will have 12 voting members which shall include:

1. The principal, who is a non voting member
2. Up to 4 parents/ guardians (3 year term)
3. Up to 4 staff: 2 teachers and 2 support staff (3 year term)
4. Up to 4 community members (which should include one African Nova Scotian member and one First Nations member) (2 year term)

Voting parents will be: Galina Kheisson, Holly Clarke, Laura Wheeler

Voting staff members will be: Sherri MacKenzie, Jenn Stearns, Renee Parsons, Kim Appleby

Voting community members: these spots still to be filled

Secretary: Lauren Wheeler

Actions: School will email families seeking a committee chair & community member

Holly Clarke & Laura Wheeler to promote membership via the community Facebook page.

New Business:

1. Request for \$2000.00 to be allocated to a "SAC Resources" fund for math and literacy resources for classrooms. Anything purchased will support our Literacy, Math and Wellness goals. Expenditures will be reported monthly to SAC members.
- We have already had a request for 2 more UFLI books and some programming items for the LC

Meeting Dates for 2026-2027:

- October 20, 2026
- November 17, 2026
- January 19, 2027 (virtual)
- February 16, 2027 (virtual)
- April 20, 2027
- May 18, 2027
- June 15, 2027 (if needed)

Meeting adjourned: 6:20pm

Next meeting: October 20, 2026 5:30 pm