

School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Sackville Heights Elementary School
January 16, 2024

1. Call to order

- Time: 5:34pm
- In attendance: Jennifer Stearns, Holly Clarke, Dallas McDonald, Jane Harley, Rachael Webster, Lisa Gray
- Regrets: Laura Purdy, Kyla d'Eon, Corey Murphy, Renee Parsons, Laura Wheeler

2. Approval of agenda

- Approved by: Dallas McDonald
- Seconded by: Lisa Gray

3. Approval of previous minutes

- Approved by: Dallas McDonald
- Seconded by: Lisa Gray

4. Principal's Report
School Update

- 529 students with another 12 new students starting since the new year
- New custodial staff, Scott Hickey is our new permanent caretaker

What's Happened

- Mouse issue: it is getting better but we still have some friends here.
- PTO Event – Holiday Market, Christmas wrap: great success for both
- Fire inspection, re-inspection: had some minor infractions to address before the re-inspection.
- Drumming: all classes participated in world drumming
- SAC meeting at Broad Street: announced a \$10K innovation fund but no further details provided as of yet
- PD day that got cancelled
- Concert x 3: enjoyable as always, thank you to parents who helped support
- Spirit days: great way to bring some spirit into the school in December
- Closing out of ERS program: we have completed our involvement, some changes were able to be made but others remain unsolved like sidewalks on the main road
- Flood: we had some water damage to the music room, French room and staircase to the stage. All work has now been completed.

What's Coming Up

- Literacy week

Monday

We are continually growing into more of a multi-cultural school.

Compare alphabets from other languages. Students are always shocked by how different other languages are!

Tuesday

Drop Everything And Read. DEAR Time. Get down with the kids and just read with them. Enjoy time to just read and understand what the kids are reading and enjoying. Students should have a book with them at all times today.

Wednesday

Students can create posters, bookmarks, comic book or anything they love to promote their favorite books. They can also write skits or poems inspired by their reading or give oral presentations on topics related to literacy.

Thursday

Where has your reading taken you? Put stars on a map to identify where your books have taken you. Bring in a book from your parents heritage. For example, if a parent is from a different country- have them send in a book from their heritage. We will have a map in the entry way if you would like to share with the whole school.

Friday

Flashlight Read: flashlights are always popular with students. Turn down the lights, ask students to bring in a [flashlight](#), and let them read. Easy peasy. We will have a pj day along with hot chocolate to enjoy today.

- AT specialist in for teacher support training
- PTO dance
- Heritage Day

1. SSP

- Grade 3 provincial assessment results: we have been examining the correlation between the mark on the provincial assessment and on the June report card.

5. New business

Shared Multi media communication board

- Still looking at companies

End of day pick up issues

- Reminders will continue to be sent out
- We have asked for police presence
- If things don't improve, parking lot may be closed during dismissal

SAC Innovation Fund

- Up to 10K per school
- To support well being and achievement
- Suggestions:
 - Buddy bench
 - Butterfly garden
 - Front entrance flower pots

Concern over lack of qualified core French substitute

- General lack of substitutes
- Planning with Jen S who previously taught Core French'

6. Next meeting

- February 20th, 2024

7. Adjournment

- Time: 6:19pm