



School Advisory Council (SAC) MEETING MINUTES May 28, 2026	
Discussion Items	In attendance: Sara, Kathy, Cara, Kim, Emily R., Susan, Emily P., Regrets: Kattie, Malena
Call to Order	5:02 PM
Approval of Agenda (vote required)	Moved by: Cara Seconded by: Kathy
Approval of previous meeting minutes (vote required)	Moved by: Susan Seconded by: Emily
Business arising from the meeting minutes	Vote Results Conclude to: 1) Allocate funds to Razz Kids and Blooket \$500, \$122. 2) Allocate remaining funds to class trips. 3) Adams Photography for next school year. Overview of the role of SAC: The NS advisory council handbook is now included in the SAC file folder. Duties and responsibilities include 1. participation in SAC review bylaws, 2. collaborate to improve student growth and wellbeing, 3. provide feedback on school policies and initiatives, 4. provide feedback on provincial policies, 5. oversight of SAC grant spending.
Recent/Upcoming School Events	1) There was a performance today May 28th, 2026, from the drama group at Halifax West, showing how we are all interconnected with one another and the earth. 2) Volunteer Tea scheduled for June 3) Grade 5 fundraiser. OH NO H2O. Scheduled for next week. Funds for: students to get medals, certificate, cake, and trip.

- 4) Upcoming Field Day
- 5) Upcoming Class trips

**Student Success Plan Update
/ Principal's Report**

End of April data:

- 1) Literacy Data
Primary – 2 85.6% meeting in reading, 82% meeting in writing.
Grades 3-5 82.5% meeting in reading, 69% meeting in writing.
- 2) No math data available for the end of April.

3) Other (Wellness Initiatives, etc.)

In alignment with the Provincial Code of Conduct, discipline responses can include loss of privilege, coaching, or suspension, then emphasize on restoring the relationship that has been harmed due to the initial action.

At the end of every term and end of year – what were the most impactful things that have been implemented?

- Wellbeing: school psychologist providing tier 1 support directly in the classroom – resiliency and anxiety. Speech pathologist and school counsellor were involved with the process. Now knowledge has been spread to the teachers.
- Word of the week – a word that children are working on and use of the word intentionally by teachers/supports to bridge communication with students who are currently non-verbal and communicating through use of technology ‘talkers’.
- The 7 sacred teachings. This is based on assembly, how a community functions together and problem-solving circles. Teachers reflect on the wellbeing of the student instead of focusing on behaviour. Develop an environment of safety, example with words, starting with greetings in the morning.
- Posters hung to reinforce positive behaviours in the washrooms. Example: give privacy.
- Calming corners, fidget bins, reading nooks, enhance secure safe places to regulate to be ready for learning.
- Focus on strengths, challenges and interests.

New Business

N/A

**Special Reports and/or
Presentations**

N/A

Policy Input

SAC Grant Spending (vote required)	Annual Grant Amount: \$5250 (\$5000 + \$1/student) Discussed priorities of remaining funds, listed chronologically: 1. Cover additional cost of grade 5 trip. Currently unknown amount of expense. The goal is to ensure families don't pay more than \$5/student. 2. Gardening season and linked to wellbeing. Supplies required soil, mulch, seeds, transplants. Estimates \$500 3. If remaining funds then would consider Word Origins. Word Origins is a grade 3-5 study program, which is complementary to a program in place for grades P-2. Estimates under \$100/class and estimates 5 classes. It was noted that any surplus can be carried forward. Of note a separate committee, the SEC (special events committee) spent \$7,000 on sound equipment. All the SEC funding has been spent. Suggestion regarding future school T-shirts/clothes that orders be placed in the Fall, especially for the inclusion of grade 5s to wear their school clothing during their final year at the elementary school.
Additional Agenda Items Added:	NA
Next Meeting	Thursday, June 4 (virtual) 4:00PM
Adjournment	5:54PM