



**School Advisory Council (SAC)
MEETING MINUTES**

November 25, 2025

Discussion Items	In attendance: Kathy, Malena, Cara, Kim, Emily R., Susan, Emily P., Sara Regrets: Kattie
Call to order	6:11 PM AST
Approval of agenda	Approved by: Cara Seconded by: Emily P
Approval of previous meeting minutes	Approved by: Cara Seconded by: Emily P
Business arising from the meeting minutes	• School mural- approval status? Moving forward, currently requires the artist to confirm their plan before submitting the request for approval. • Career days- proceeding? Still interested in organizing the event. • Prospect Bulls - Update from Kattie: Bulls are interested in doing a presentation in the new year (2026) to gain interest, girls' basketball, in preparation for the new sessions. • Extra-curricular opportunities- any update from Halifax Dance? No response yet. Emily P. will also investigate curling. • Convex safety mirror-Was installed! The teacher within the portable where the mirror is attached provided positive feedback
	1) Quickie Dough fundraiser (completed). 377 orders. Dec 15 th orders to be delivered.

	2) Holiday concert (Dec. 17, snow date 18th) 3) Prezies event December 11th 4) Theme days Dec 8th until the holiday break. Information will be sent out to parents. 5) Families receive support with full Christmas boxes provided by Clearwater. To do: Send an appreciation letter to Clearwater.
Student Success Plan Update / Principal's Report	Reading data: Grades 1-2: 76% are meeting expectations. Grades 3-5: 90% are meeting expectations. Reading has been the focus for the last 4 years. This shows the impact on grades 3-5 (90%). In the younger grades it's not surprising to be lower but then will naturally increase in older grades. Math data: Grades P-2: 94% are meeting expectations. Grades 3-5: 67% are meeting expectations. Results were reviewed with a Mathematics Consultant. There has been a focus on math for the last 2 years. Support was added for teachers. Intensive instruction is now occurring in the lower grades. Expect to see this reflected within the next few years. The bar of expectations was raised approximately 2 years ago. Expectations which consist of an in-depth understanding, the ability to manipulate, take it apart, fluent – accurate and efficient with numbers. Writing: Grades 1-2: 65% are meeting expectations. Grades 3-5: 70% are meeting expectations. HRCE has not had a push on writing. PRES has started focusing on writing. Note: Grade Primary are not included in reading and writing, though are included within Math data.
New Business	1) Recognition of a retired teacher (Myra Hum) Rename the gym under her name? She's been teaching for ~40 years. The gym was already a named space after a previous principal. HRCE's current practice isn't to name buildings/space after an individual. What else can be done to recognize her? Ideas: - An event to recognize, appreciate and show her impacts on all students/children. Example: event on the field, with current

	and past students, with everyone wearing long socks. - Name the gym office with a plaque, hang a sock over the gym plaque. - A photo with her and the students all wearing long socks. 2) School Clothing Previous experience was positive and we have heard people asking for clothing. Would get items at cost. Estimates: \$30 adult size hoodie – re the local company at Brookside Junior High. Suggestion to do T-shirts for all students. Estimates \$5K for all students at \$18/T-shirt. Consider subsidizing the cost from SEC funds and/or SAC (purpose being student wellbeing). Could offer an option for parents to also donate an amount for another family who cannot afford it (in the form of an open donation amount). To do: Cara will investigate affordable local vendors. Try to organize before early spring. 3) Nourish NS - cookbook as provincial fundraiser for school food programs. Could we promote it? Kim confirmed that we can send messaging out to families. This is not a school fundraiser, rather a fundraiser with the province.
Special Reports and/or Presentations	
Policy Input	
SAC Grant Spending	Grant Amount: \$5250 (\$5000 + \$1/student) <u>Previous Requests (not yet voted on):</u> 1) Reading PM online platform (grades 1 and 2). No longer interested in going with PM online. 2) Raz-Kids. 3 classroom teachers requesting Raz-Kids, this would be 66 subscriptions. It will be purchased, either by SAC funds or another fund. 3) Mentor Texts - Schoolwide Writing Goal, still accessing. <u>New Request (not yet voted on):</u> 4) Blooklet membership (grade 5) – both grade 5 teachers use it. \$66/class. Helpful resource as students get feedback on how they are doing. It will be purchased, either by SAC funds or another fund.
Additional Agenda Items Added:	When gathering feedback and potential opportunities for growth within the school, numerous parents mentioned that their children state that during physical education there is significant time spent on concepts and as a result there is limited or significantly reduced time spent on

	physical activity. This contradicts the curriculum for physical education. Will revisit the physical education curriculum next meeting.
Next Meeting	Tuesday, January 27, 2025
Adjournment	7:12 PM AST.