



**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)**  
**Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Bel Ayr Elementary School**  
**4 Bell Street, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia**

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**AGENDA**

			<u>Time</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
1.	Approval of Agenda* Approved by consent	<i>Decision</i>	6:00	Strowbridge-Ford
2.	Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement - add the wording to land acknowledgement to next agenda		6:01	Strowbridge-Ford
3.	Consent Agenda: 3.1 Approval of Draft SAC Minutes of October 9, 2024 Meeting approve by consent	<i>Decision</i>	6:03	Strowbridge-Ford
4.	Admin Reports: 4.1 <b>Halloween Family Dance</b> - Thank you to our Home and School and volunteers for another successful Halloween Dance. 4.2 <b>Q-Mac Performance</b> - Quincy Mac returned to Bel Ayr on Friday. Groups of two and three classes joined him in the gym to learn basketball tricks and hear his positive message about being proud of our families, ancestors, and cultures  4.3 <b>Fire Inspection</b> - Bel Ayr had a fire inspection on November 12th. We are still waiting for the report but were told many of our classrooms exceed the 20% maximum of combustibles near wall surfaces. Our curtain in the gym also needs to be treated for fire resistance. Clutter in storage rooms also needs to be addressed	<i>Discussion</i>	6:05	Marsh/Hendren

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are there procedures or protocols laid out to base this off of to make sure we are compliant for when they come back.</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p><b>4.4 Family Feedback for Holiday Concerts</b> - Mr. Clarke sent a message to all P-6 families requesting input on song and dance selections for our concerts. At this time, we only have afternoon concerts booked as not all staff have communicated back about their availability. Safety and supervision are very important during performances.</p> <p><b>4.5 AI Lead Team and Lunch-n-Learn Session</b> - Emma Ryan was selected onto the HRCE Artificial Intelligence Lead Team. She did an introduction for interested staff on Friday during the lunch hour</p> <p><b>4.6 Math Coaching Block</b> - Mr. Boak, Ms. Ryan, Ms. Hargrave and Ms. McLeod all completed a full coaching block together. They focused on math computational fluency.</p> <p><b>4.7 Railing Installation</b> - a new railing was installed along the edge of the steep ramp outside upon the request of Mr. Marsh on behalf of the SAC.</p> <p><b>4.8 Tony Mancini</b> – A site visit is booked for Dec 17th to assess the situation on the playground with respect to accessibility. Representatives from Operations, Tony Mancini and Mr. Marsh will be there to discuss responsibilities for all.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- piggy back with parking lot?</li> <li>- focus is on playground</li> </ul> <p><b>4.9 School Lunch Program</b> - The School Lunch Program is being received well by our students as far as the selection and quality of each dish. We are still experiencing significant issues with the courier service and the cooler bags. Mr. Marsh has been in touch with the owners of Upfront Kitchens and the HRCE Lunch Team to work</p>			
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	<p>through the kinks. One serious issue is that the company is not taking responsibility for delivering the lunches and, as a result, this has fallen directly on the school's administration. Ms. Murphy recently volunteered to give up her lunch hour to be paid as a lunch monitor to help with the deliveries. Mr. Marsh is also advocating for better coolers now that the lunches are being dropped off at 10:50AM.</p> <p>–questions surrounding access with regards to allergies and alternatives for restricted diets</p>			
5.	<p>SAC Grant- Artists in Residence Review/Selection 4 applications reviewed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daniel Edmonds - musician - workshop that allows students to compose, arrange and produce their own music. Committed to <b>allyship</b> with marginalized communities - arranging, producing music. Already working as an EPA in HRCE with required documents.</li> <li>• Jill Robinson - Indigenous background - former student at Bel Ayr. Involved with Brigadoon &amp; children with varying health conditions. Painting and creative expression - overcoming emotions and stress and connecting with culture. Inspire and encourage younger generation</li> <li>• Mwape Benaya - experience working with Kumon &amp; VBS. Experience planning and coordinating activities for children 5-18. Creativity and self-confidence.</li> <li>• Jeremie Boudreau- south korean - Acadian musician and composer. Radical self-acceptance. Experience with violin/fiddle, and other genres, as well as teaching music (violin and piano) to students.</li> </ul> <p>Considering going with Jill &amp;/or Mwape - closest to meeting the criteria - can we invite them into the school in December to have a conversation of what the workshop or project would culminate in.</p> <p>***Karin will check with Shawn so that Shawn is</p>	<i>Discussion</i>	6:20	Marsh/Hendren

	able to reach out and set up an in-person meeting (December) (or open to who can come) to see what their proposals would entail.			
6.	The School Food and Nutrition Policy - Table Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- tabled to next meeting</li> <li>- role of SAC and how they are involved in this as advisory</li> </ul>	<i>Discussion</i>	6:25	Marsh/Hendren
8.	Other Business	<i>Discussion</i>	6:58	Strowbridge-Ford
9.	Adjournment - 6:59	<i>Decision</i>	7:00	Strowbridge-Ford

\*Materials attached **Next SAC meeting: January 15, 2025**