



SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)
Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Bel Ayr Elementary School
4 Bell Street, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

Meeting Minutes

Bel Ayr Elementary acknowledges that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People and pays respect to the Indigenous knowledges held by the Mi'kmaq People, and to the wisdom of their Elders past and present. The Mi'kmaq People signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Crown, and section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 recognizes and affirms Aboriginal and Treaty rights. We are all Treaty people.

We recognize that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose histories, legacies and contributions have enriched that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years.

			Time	Presenter
1.	Approval of Agenda* (additions accepted)	<i>Decision</i>	6:00	Morse
2.	Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement		6:01	Morse
3.	Consent Agenda: 3.1 Approval of Draft SAC Minutes of February 12, 2025 Meeting	<i>Decision approved by consent</i>	6:03	Morse
4.	Admin Reports: 4.1 Math Manipulatives/Coaching - Angela Diliberatore, HRCE Math Coach, has been busy helping us organize our math supplies. Mr. Marsh and Ms. Hendren are in the process of ordering recommended manipulatives that our school does not currently have. 4.2 Playground Conditions - HRCE Operations have been on site twice to clear debris since March Break. This is a standing time for our JOHSC. 4.3 April 30th Professional Learning - On April 30th our entire staff will meet to work through school-wide expectations and school safety. The new Code of Conduct is expected to be released in draft form soon. PBIS 4.4 PEBS Assembly - During our last assembly students filled our pom pom cylinder and earned another reward. 4.5 Spring Spirit Week Planning - Our grade 6s are in the process of organizing a Spring Spirit Week and we will have another extended recess. 4.6 2025-26 Registration - As of April 11th, we will have the same number of homerooms in 2025-26. We have not been given a configuration of classes yet.	<i>Discussion</i>	6:05	Marsh

	4.7 Upper Elementary Volleyball Trip - On March 21st, a group of upper elementary students went to the high school for a volleyball tournament. Thank you to Ms. Jamieson, Ms., Jones-McKenna and Mr. Jordan for chaperoning this. 4.8 SAC Survey - Ms. Strowbridge-Ford and Mr. Marsh collaborated on the SAC survey two weeks ago. There were questions about our membership and plans going forward. 4.9 Supply Lists - The Home and School has helped us to raise money to purchase school supplies for the new school year. This has already been actioned by our staff and Ms. McLeod. 5.0 Staff Appreciation Week - The Home and School are planning a Staff Appreciation Week beginning on May 5th.			
5.	SSP 5.1 – School-Based Data Recent SSP wellbeing data was reviewed and input from SAC. Offered SAC members options to add questions into our school well-being survey (cycle 3)	<i>Discussion</i>	6:25	Marsh
6.	SAC Grant- Artists in Residence- Update As of April 16th, we have \$4393.08 left in our Innovation Grant fund. Elsa Ruck concluded her lunch hour song writing club but will come back to have students perform during our May PEBS assembly. Mwape Benaya continues to work in our upper elementary and plans to have students do some play performances before the end of the school year. Jill Robinson is almost finished with our school mural and will have the grade 6s put the final touches on it soon. We hope to have her back to maybe go into lower elementary again and maybe Pre-primary.	<i>Discussion</i>	6:30	Marsh
7.	SAC Fund Budget - We have \$3798.69 left in our SAC fund. Purchases have been: 1. \$991.59 for professional resources (Reading and Writing Minilessons) 2. \$120.52 - Online subscription to a children's non fiction series (The Canadian Reader) 3. \$331.25 for classroom library non-fiction selections Some suggestions for remaining funds are:	<i>Decision</i>	6:35	Marsh

	- Math manipulatives to support SSP math strategies - More puddle tables - Money for bussing to support class trips - Money to support school supply initiative Shawn will send this out in an email	<i>will come to a decision thru email</i>		
8.	SAC Bylaws - To be discussed at next meeting	<i>Discussion</i>	6:40	Marsh; Morse
9.	Macro Agenda- Items for next year - To be discussed at next meeting	<i>Discussion</i>	6:50	Morse
8.	Other Business - Membership and unfilled seats for 2025-26. Shawn will need to advertise for vacant seats this spring for next year. There will be a few vacancies. (Parent member, Community member, Staff support member) Alyse mentioned volunteer NS, - Grant availability from Scott Dilman, Youth Engagement Worker at HRCE. Alyse will forward to Shawn	<i>Discussion</i>	6:55	Morse
9.	Adjournment	<i>Decision</i>	7:00	Morse

Next SAC meeting: May 7, 2025