

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) Wednesday, May 7, 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.

			<u>Time</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
1.	Celebration- Thank you (pizza)		6:00	Marsh/Hendren/Strowbrid ge-Ford
2.	Approval of Agenda*	Decision	6:02	Strowbridge-Ford
3.	Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement		6:03	Strowbridge-Ford
4.	Consent Agenda: 4.1 Approval of Draft SAC Minutes of April 16, 2025 Meeting	Decision approved by consent	6:04	Strowbridge-Ford
5.	Admin Reports: 5.1 2025-26 Staffing/enrollment As of today, we have been allocated with 8 Homerooms and 1 PP Class for the 2025-26 school year. 5.2 New Phys Ed Teacher - May and June - Brittany Graham 5.3 PEBS School Wide Reward - Our students recently earned a new reward. 5.4 Facilities Walk-through – HRCE Operations - Last Friday 5.5 Staff Appreciation Week - Thank you to our Home and School for spoiling our staff once again!	Discussion	6:05	Marsh

	5.6 <b>Spirit Week -</b> This week is Spirit		
	Week! Students are dressing up		
	according to different themes each day.		
	5.7 Black Excellence Day – May 15 <sup>th</sup>		
	On May 15, 2025, Nova Scotia's public		
	schools will observe Black Excellence		
	Day, a day dedicated to honoring the		
	achievements, stories, art, innovations,		
	and communities of Black individuals.		
	This day provides an opportunity for		
	students, staff, and families to reflect on		
	the contributions of Black Nova		
	Scotians and to celebrate the brilliance		
	and talents within the African diaspora.		
	Students and staff are encouraged to		
	wear black T-shirts to show unity and		
	support for Black students and their		
	success. Black Excellence Day aligns		
	with Nova Scotia's Inclusive Education		
	Policy, ensuring a high-quality, culturally		
	responsive, and equitable education		
	that supports the well-being and		
	achievement of every student. It is a day		
	for everyone to acknowledge and		
	celebrate the past and present		
	contributions and achievements of		
	people of African descent. We invite all		
	families to join in this meaningful		
	celebration and to continue fostering an		
	inclusive and supportive community for		
	all students.		
	5.8 New Primary Parent-Guardian		
	<b>Meeting</b> – Wednesday May 14 <sup>th</sup> 6PM. We		
	have		
	5.9 April 30 <sup>th</sup> Professional Learning -		
	As a whole staff, we worked on creating a		
	Vision Statement for Bel Ayr, a new		
	Behaviour Matrix of expectations and		
	work on developing our cycle 3 strategies		
	for Student Success Planning.		
	6.0 Mad Science Assembly - Our		
	students earned a school Wide award.		
	Ms. Hendren is working on scheduling a		
	Mad Science assembly before our final		
	assembly at the end of the year		
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6.	SSP – Focussed conversation about our new Cycle 3 literacy strategy	Discussion	6:15	Marsh
	Strategy: We will continue to improve reading			
	comprehension and fluency through the			
	reciprocal process of responding to text in			
	writing and other ways of representing.			
8.	SAC Grants: 8.1 SAC Grant- Artists in Residence-Update- Funds remaining as of May 6 th are approximately \$3500. We will get close to zero by June 8.2 New Proposed Innovation Grant: Alise and Nakita will work on it: are there other ideas or do we build and extend. Maybe STEM: explore links between indigenous teaching and science. Sustainability 8.3 HRCE Engagement Grant – Meeting with Scott Dillman last week - student generated. Shawn will revisit in the fall with Scott	Discussion/Decision	6:25	Marsh
9.	<b>SAC Budget</b> - Current balance is \$3798.69 with another \$65 in USD to be subtracted this week for Fundamentals math resources	Decision Shawn will look at puddle tables and left over going to Supplies	6:35	Marsh
10.	SAC Membership- update: Edy (community) and Dave (parent) are not returning. Flyers up, businesses. Try Volunteer Nova Scotia. Shawn will send to Woodlawn High. Representation in member would be preferential (under-represented)	Discussion: change bylaw to include student	6:40	Marsh
11.	SAC Annual Report Record:	Discussion	6:43	
12.	Macro Agenda- Items for next year Email to Nakita if there are items you'd like to see	Discussion	6:53	Strowbridge-Ford
13.	Other Business: 13.1 Code of Conduct & Behavioural Matrix 13.2 SAC Bylaws	Discussion	6:58	Strowbridge-Ford
14.	Adjournment	Decision	7:00	Strowbridge-Ford

Next SAC meeting: September 2025 dates will be circulated in late August