

**Marion Bridge School
Meeting Summary SAC
Monday, April 28, 2025**

1. SAC members in attendance:

Parent - Kristen Walker

Community - Veronica Merryfield

School - Amanda MacPherson (NSTU)

School - Emma Hawley (CUPE)

Principal - Ruth Clarke (Non-voting member)

Missing:

Parent - Kevin Hardy

Community - Brie MacIsaac

Items Outstanding from February 24-25

1. Vacant Community Member position - [The SAC acknowledged that the vacant community member position has been filled by Brie MacIsaac.](#)

2. Up-dates on Pre-Primary/Primary registration for September 2025

[Ten registrations to date for Pre-Primary](#)

[One student will join our Primary class that did not attend PP](#)

[The number of students registered for school impacts our class configuration and staffing](#)

New Business;

1. Staffing and class configuration for 2025-2026

[Staffing remains the same with 4 classroom teachers](#)

[PP - 12](#)

[P-1 - 19](#)

[2-3 - 17](#)

3-4 - 15

4-5 - 17

2. Grade Three provincial assessments

Grade 3 students are preparing now and will write the assessments in mid-May - literacy on May 13 & 14 and math on May 21 & 22. Results will be shared with families in the fall.

3. SAC - provincial updates

Innovation Grant - applications are now open. We will not be applying this year

SAC Provincial Conference - November 28-25 in Halifax

4. "Ready, Set, Grow" - May 28 & 29

Initiative to invite families of Pre-Primary and Primary students to learn about programs and expectations for starting school

5. Safe Schools Strategy - EECD

- Overview of Safe Schools Strategy - PD delivered to **all** school board employees
- Setting the stage for the release of the new provincial Code of Conduct which will become fully implemented in September 2025
- Schools will be required to create vision & values statements, a school-wide behavior matrix and each class will need to co-create classroom expectations in September

****The Principal shared the vision statement and behavior matrix with SAC members on June 5-25. The vision statement and behavior matrix were developed using input from all students and adults working in the school.****

6. Speed awareness sign

Information from parent, Megan Ringer regarding the sign being moved out of Marion Bridge. MLA's office indicated that parents and SAC could contact the department at DPW-OCC@novascotia.ca to register their concern.

7. Letter to the SAC - parental concerns - After School Program

 SAC - April 28 2025 (1).pdf

Principal shared the letter above with the SAC outlining some concerns expressed by families regarding the AfterSchool program. The Principal was able to answer some of the questions posed and there will be follow up from JR on the items.

Standing Items:

SSP focus for 2024-2025 - short cycle goals

- **Well-being** - Physically Active Framework
[https://curriculum.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/documents/re-source-files/Physical%20Activity%20Framework%20ENG%20\(2023\).pdf](https://curriculum.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/documents/re-source-files/Physical%20Activity%20Framework%20ENG%20(2023).pdf)
- **Literacy** - writing - 3-2-1 - Making writing right
- **Mathematics** - automaticity of number fact recall (90 day short, sharp focus)

Principal shared updates on our SSP goals.

- Wellness - students have responded very well to the active learning initiatives. Teachers find students to be more engaged with their learning when there is an element of movement.
- Literacy - there has been some progress in getting students to re-read their written work and edit to “make it right”. Some students remain reluctant to look for mistakes and the skills are not yet independent.
- Math - teachers have found this to be our area of most success. Students have demonstrated real growth in learning the number facts. Students have demonstrated improvement in applying these number facts when completing math tasks.

****Principal shared the SSP annual report with SAC members on June 5-25****

SAC Budget for 2024-25

- Balance as of February 10, 2025

\$6838.00

- Members have confirmed that they wish to allot our budget to the “Family Connections Night” event that welcomes families in the fall.
- SAC set the date for the event on Thursday, September 11-25
- The Principal will meet with our Schools Plus partners to begin planning for the event

Meeting dates for 2024-2025:

September 23-24

November 25-24

February 10-25

March 31-25 ***Rescheduled April 28-25***

May or June (if necessary)