

AJ Smeltzer SAC Meeting

June 11, 2025

Attendance

Kathy Wedge, Andrea Doucette, Ashley Roy, Dean Lee, Krista
Hachey, Nicole Thurston, Kelly Quenneville, Colette Rice
Shayna Halliday, Stephanie Seaboyer, Michelle Halliday

Agenda

- Funding: White boards purchased instead of Chromebooks (\$4100), alternate seating on hold until September so that staff can see what is needed.
- Student report
- Student Success Plan
- Principal's Report
- Questions
- Next meeting

Student Report

- Continuing to love outdoor activities
- Math circles was fun
- Grade sixes loved the Back to the Sea centre's visit
- Students are helping with the new mural

Student Success Plan

Math - Students demonstrated improved achievement by focusing more effectively on current curriculum content, as foundational skills had been reinforced through strategy instruction. Some students independently applied these strategies across different units and even created personal strategy notebooks, showing initiative and deeper learning. For teachers, this led to more efficient instruction of grade-level content, as less time was needed to revisit prior learning. As a result, they could support more students in meeting curriculum expectations.

Literacy - The implementation of practice writing assessments for persuasive writing and storytelling led to noticeable improvements in student achievement and well-being. Students showed progression in their writing skills and increased confidence in their abilities. Teachers used a student-friendly version of the RWM8 rubric for self-assessment and provided targeted feedback using the same tool. This approach helped identify areas where students struggled, enabling teachers to design focused mini-lessons for individuals, small groups, or the whole class. Additionally, consistent use of writing terminology and collaborative teacher assessment practices ensured alignment and improved instructional strategies.

Well-being - Students have become more physically active and socially engaged, spending more time outdoors with peers and participating in activities like gagaball and bucket golf. This increased activity has led to students appearing less stressed, more focused, and better settled in the classroom. Teachers have responded by finding creative ways to connect with students both inside and outside the curriculum, including community involvement and group engagement. Additionally, the "Student of the Month" recognition has boosted student pride and strengthened positive connections with families.

Principal's Report

- Emergency drills: Completed successfully for the year.
- HRM has removed some benches, trees, bushes and unsafe material from the back of the school.
- Future grade sixes visited the school and we had families in for an evening visit.
- Sports - Softball was just completed. Both teams had fun and Girls made it to the semi-finals.
- Lunch program for next year. Hiring is in process for on site company.
- Grade 8's had a great visit at Sackville high and also from the Student Council here at school.
- Staffing update.

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- AOB
 - Questions
 - Next meeting: Will reach out in September to the community to see who would be interested in being part of the SAC.