

Bicentennial SAC Meeting

November 17, 2025

In attendance

Bryony, Brianne, Helen, Ed, Wilder, Principal Hartlen, Ms. Webber

Regrets

Pastor Mutale, Ingram, Marleigh

Called to order at 6 PM

Agenda

Principal's Report

- Report to be attached

Additional notes:

Completed school events

- Boogie bash went well. Nice to have quiet space set aside for kids to use as well
- Jr High Dance went really well. Kids were awesome. Raised money for school council
- Immunization clinic. Great way to save families the trouble of booking a medical appointment.
- Remembrance Day: nice event with student performances
- School picture day: retakes were scheduled for today (17th) but there may have been a miscommunication around the schedule, and the company didn't show up. Rescheduled for Wednesday (19th)
- Chair leg covers for gym chairs: 3600 purchased and about half installed so far. Should be done by parent/teacher interviews.
- Gym equipment
 - Spent ~\$6000 on new phys ed supplies.
 - Waiting on a new referee stand for volleyball
- Sports
 - Soccer has wrapped up
 - Nearing end of volleyball
- Teacher led lunch-time events are up and running
 - Readers Rumble
 - Reading group which competes in events around reading comprehension
 - Chess Club
 - Hoping to encourage some students to attend competitions
- Bus #56 scheduling

- Reached out to 311 again and waiting on an update
- Trying to change the departure time from 3:06 to 3:10 to avoid chaos at dismissal time
- Question: Given the student bus pass program, is there a dedicated liaison between HRCE and Metro Transit?
 - Not that we're aware of. Principal Hartlen will reach out to HRCE transportation
- Superstore Grant
 - \$12k food grant
 - Principal Hartlen reached out to ask about parameters for spending
 - We'll support Farm to School program with some of that
 - Developing a plan for the rest

Classroom Climate

- Student behaviour in some grade 9 classrooms has been pretty disruptive. Makes things difficult for newer teachers, especially.
- Principal Hartlen is drafting a plan to help talk through some of these challenges with the students and to work on plans to keep students in the classroom while restoring respectful and kind behaviour.
- Ms. Webber is looking at student leadership programs for Grade 9s at lunch time to help build community.
- Question: Is this typical behaviour each year or has it gotten worse?
 - It's typical. It usually lasts for part of the first term until the school counselor comes in and introduces Grade 10 course selection, at which point students realize that they need to buckle down.

SAC Grant

- Have there been any requests for funds from the SAC grant?
 - There's always room for technology, though we have had good luck sourcing equipment lately.
 - We're looking for 60 new pairs of safety goggles for the gym
- Any other ideas?
 - A few standing desks for the Jr High classrooms
 - Additional seating options for Jr High
- Principal Hartlen will put something in the memo on Friday for teachers to source ideas that need funding

SAC Meeting dates for 2025/2026

- We will continue with Mondays at 6 PM

- ~~Oct 20~~
- ~~Nov 17~~
- Jan 12
- Feb 9
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11

Next meeting is January 12 at 6 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.