

Bicentennial SAC Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2026

Attendance: Bryony McStay Fost, Matthew Hartlen, Brianne Hunsley, Edward Keeble, Wilder (Student), Xander (Student)

Discussion:

1. Principals Report – Attached

- a. Questions about Cultural Safety and what it means.
- b. Mr. Hartlen shared his experience as an administrator taking part in Cultural Safety Professional Development, that teachers should have this PD as a part of our school community. When children feel safe being who they are, knowing that adults care can dramatically reduce school anxiety, support learning.

2. Adams Photography

- a. Mr. Hartlen informed the group that Admin staff have reached out to Adams to make sure that missing G9 Composite photos will be updated, and class composites will be delivered.
- b. To be updated next meeting

3. Budget Ideas

- a. There were no new budget requests. Given the two previous requests were granted there will be approx. \$2000 left in the SAC budget. Full update next meeting.
- b. Spending will be added to next meeting's agenda

4. Curriculum feedback and addressing curriculum concerns as a parent/student

- a. Mr. Hartlen shared some of the structure around curriculum development and how the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (NSDOEECD) uses content experts and current teachers to develop curriculum, that it takes a very long time to alter or change curriculum.
- b. SAC was very surprised that the NSDOEECD did not change curriculum every year.
- c. SAC discussed writing a letter to the NSDOEECD concerning Jr. High Social Studies Curriculum.

5. New Business

- a. Garden development to next meeting's agenda
- b. Complete SAC Spending