

Bicentennial SAC Meeting

April 13, 2026

In attendance

Bryony, Brianne, Ed, Principal Hartlen, Pastor Mutale, Ingram

Called to order at 6 PM

Agenda

Principal's Report

- Attached

School Clothing Shop

- 95% complete. Will be ready for people to order soon.

Budget ideas, requests and approvals

- Computer cart has been purchased
- Ms. Ross requested funding for the Bear Assembly T-shirts
 - ~\$724 for t-shirts
 - Funding approved for the full amount
- Artshine Atlantic
 - Lunch and after school program art program
 - 6 week program
 - \$15.50/student/class
 - Requesting to present to the SAC about running their program within the school
 - Bryony will pass on their proposal by email to the SAC members

Funding concerns

- Defunding of Library Support Specialists
- School doesn't yet have specific information on what will happen
- Bryony will draft a letter on behalf of the SAC opposing the cutting of funding for libraries

Garden build out

- Ingram proposed documenting the building of the garden as a photography project
- Could include photography training for students

Hygiene Products

- Pastor Mutale's church has provided hygiene products to the school in the past. He asked if that would still be useful.
- It would definitely be useful and very much appreciated.

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 May 11 at 6 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SAC Principal's Report – April 13, 2026

1. HRM Transit Request

- No response yet. Mr. Hartlen to update when response arrives.

2. More School Events

- We have many classes planning and attending outings around the community
 - i. 3-4 Poole – Youth Film Festival (April 1)
 - ii. Grade 8's – Uncover your Presence (Halifax Convention Center)
 - iii. Swim to Survive 5-6 and 1-2
 - iv. Home and School BINGO

3. Cultural Safety PD was postponed, rescheduled to March 24

- Excellent introduction to Culture and the shifting ways students see themselves.
- Broken up over 2 sessions to allow for more conversation and learning.

4. School Sports

- Fall Football tryouts complete
- Track try-outs to come soon

5. Grade 9 service Learning

- Students are grouping together, planning projects that can support the local community and charities.
 - i. Bake sale for Ronald McDonald house
 - ii. Starting Clubs

6. 2026-2027 Transitions (Meetings and Events)

- Primary Orientation (Parents and Students)
- Grade 6 Transitions
 - i. Bicentennial
 - ii. Crichton Park
 - iii. Hawthorn
- Learning Center/Sp. Needs (Individual Students)
 - i. To Primary
 - ii. To Grade 7
 - iii. To Grade 10

7. RWM8 – Week of May 19-22

- Moving to a Web-based testing system – More information to follow

8. RWM3 – May 11-26