

Halifax Central Junior High



SAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 13, 2025

6:00pm-7:00pm

In Attendance: Mike Bunin, Brenda Vaughan, Pheilm Martin, Brendan McDorman, Robert Huntley, Chloe Kline, Krista Ritchie, Hugo, Bridget, Gwen

Regrets: Lorelei Burgess, Karen Peori

1. Approval of Agenda and October 14th Meeting Minutes

2. Election of SAC Executive

Chair - Robert Huntley

Vice-Chair - Krista Ritchie

Secretary - Chloe Kline

4. Chair's Report

N/A

5. Principal's Report

Mike Bunin shared the following:

1) SSP:

- **Literacy**

- Grade 8 Prov Assessment results:
 - 29% of students are not meeting in Conventions
- Anecdotal Information:
 - Students do not edit their writing (formal or informal) for conventions
- **Plan:** We will focus on having students master the C.A.P.S. (capitalization, accuracy, punctuation, and spelling) editing approach across grade levels in order to strengthen the clarity and impact of writing for a variety of audiences. Our first cycle will focus on ELA mini lessons, reviewing and practicing specific rules around capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

- **Math**

- Grade 8 Prov Assessment results:
 - 30% of students were only able to achieve a Level 1 or 2 in the Grade 8 Provincial Math Assessment
- Anecdotal Information:

- Students do not consistently reflect on their strategies or meaningfully check over their work when completing math tasks
- Some students appear to value getting an 'answer' more than the process
- **Plan:** to focus on the overarching strategy of **perseverance and productive struggle** through rich problem solving experiences by having teachers:
 - Help students understand how their work (the process) is intricately linked to their ability to demonstrate understanding of math outcomes
 - Place an emphasis on identifying common errors and misconceptions through direct instruction and exploration of finding intentional mistakes to build greater conceptual understanding

- **Well Being**

- During ILT, students completed questionnaires to help us (staff) learn about their Strengths, Challenges and Interests
- The surveys are helping to inform some trends that we can address to improve individual, class or school-wide experiences

2) Updates:

October

- NS Provincial Lunch Program
 - 25-30 students ordering regularly. Most reports have been fairly positive.
- October 30th - Halloween Dance
- October 31st - Halloween Assembly

November

- November 6th - Grade 9s to Discovery Centre for Future of Efficiency Green Career Day
 - MADD Canada presentation (all grades)
- November 10th - Remembrance Day ceremony
- November 20th - SLC Bingo Night (Looking for donations)
- November 26th - new Coding/eSports group will be connecting with Brendan and attending every two weeks for a couple of months
- November 28th - Grade 8 field trips - various locations (Grade 7 field trips to HRA Glass lab in early December)
 - SAC Provincial Conference (with Chair)
- Report Cards will be distributed late November/early December

6. Teachers' Report

Mr. Martin shared some information about the upcoming Grade 9 Entrepreneur Fair

7. Students' Report

- Gwen made a recommendation that the Junior High and Elementary schools communicate ahead of events so that they're hopefully not planned on the same nights.
- Students all wanted to know more about why the bells have been turned off
- Students pointed out that none of the clocks work. Bridget made a suggestion to have clocks in the washrooms as well, especially without having bells turned on.

8. Adjournment