

SAC Meeting Dec 2 2025

Present:

Rob Huntley, Chair
Krista Richie, Vice Chair
Mike Bunin, Principal
Pheilm Martin, teacher rep
Karen Piori, Parent
Desmond Piori, Grade 7
Hugo Grade 7
Charlie, Grade 9
Bridget, Grade 9
Chloe Kline, parent rep
Brenda Vaughn, VP
Loralee Burgess, Community Member
Macarena Torres, Parent

Regrets:

Brendan McDorman

Motion to begin meeting: Rob

Seconded: Chloe

2. Approval of agenda

Motioned Loralee and seconded by Krista

Agenda handed out by Principal Bunin - next month will be sent a week in advance

Please Send agenda items to Rob by a week in advance

3. Approval of last month's meeting minutes

Krista motioned to approve minutes without changes

Phielm Seconded

Minutes approved

4. Chair report

SAC conference: last Friday, 700 schools represented, French and English. Excellent conference and attendance. Schools are doing impressive things with SAC committees.

Lots of innovative projects, through innovation and grant programs

- bike purchase and bike trail created at school - community or faculty guide takes them around property.
- Another school purchased sewing machines and is doing a textile program.
- AV studio, students creating podcasts,
- climbing wall installed in gym,

- yoga studio and space for reflection.

SAC can both provide feedback on policy, but also really thinking about how to enrich school environment.

Workshops

- grant assistance and deadlines (some for April of this year)
- Governance 101 (by-laws, feedback on policy, annual report, etc)
- Student meal program

Rob has also been looking over the calendar, looking through past emails, getting up to speed.

5. Principal's Report

SAC conference: impactful - excited to see what this can accomplish

We want big ideas, especially from students

SSP: Wrapped up cycle one, Principal Bunin will be meeting with every teacher before break to hear how those goals went, and what we can shift for cycle 2.

School updates:

Nov 20 Bingo Night, very successful.

Nov 26 Coding/esports club went to Contender E-sports on Quinpool. Students got a lot out of it

Nov 28 Grade 8 field trips at different location, overall went very well

Dec 2 REport cards distributed

Dec 3-5 Grade 7s heading to Glass Lab

Dec 4 Progress reports/conferences

Dec 5 Grade 9s going to Frankenstein

Dec 11 Entrepreneurship Event

Dec 15-19 spirit week.

Dec 18th Holiday Breakfast

SAC grant -

- \$5168 this year based on base funding and student numbers
 - Looking closely at SAC spending guidelines, the SAC wishlist may not be the most effective way to buy these items - could use other funds for these.
 - We have spent some of the SAC funds - but for those things that haven't yet been purchased, school will be using other funds
 - 1465 from last year which carries forward, total of **6633.51** for this year
- SAC Handbook distributed by Ms. Vaughn - last page has spending guidelines

6. Teacher's Report

Mr. Martin will be approaching teachers to have conversations

- talk about any concerns, or supports/resources they need to reach SSP goals.

- Do they see any barriers for students
- Can this suggest any school wide initiatives
- Goal is to have teachers thinking more about Mr. Martin's role as their voice in the committee
- Any successes that he can bring forward to the committee

Notes that there will be an amazing art show during conferences
Entrepreneurship Fair will be excellent as well

7. Students' Report:

- Principal Bunin suggests carving out some time for students to gather monthly to come up with a report, bring some more structured ideas to meetings.
- Last year, students were coming with suggestions and requests
- Ms. Vaughn asked about clocks in washrooms and libraries, this has helped.
- Hugo notes that there are badminton birdies stuck in the gym rafters, wondering if it's possible to get them down
- Krista communicated the dates concern with the elementary school, they are taking this into consideration

8. New business:

Krista asked about banners:

- There was a lot of response from the community, different ideas about what to do.
- 2 parents and the grade 7s sorted them in the gym, parents took pictures of all of them
- going ahead with auctioning 30 of them
- Auction link went out to many school communities, some initial bids

Ms. Vaughn mentioned that in the process they found a scrapbook of the 1950s
Charlie and Bridget mentioned they would be interested in this being on display so that they can see them

Meeting times and days:

- Principal Bunin was wondering about whether time of meeting and day of week is working for people
- Time was selected to align with home and school, but recognizing that timing can be challenging
- Could use SAC funds to provide food if that's helpful
- Important to make this easy for students and teachers, who have been here all day
- Charlie: usually have practice from 4-6, so later time is better, but there are also later practices for other sports
- Could pick dates, and alternate between 5 and 7
- Another SAC sends out doodle polls for scheduling: maybe admin picks a few dates and sends it out <https://doodle.com/en/product/polls/>

Rob offers a challenge to the students for next time:

- come with some ideas
- Reach out to your classmates, we want to hear from students about what would enrich the school community
- What would make coming to school even better - in the realm of learning, well-being
- Offer to the students - SAC can help set up surveys, or offer some prompts
- Charlie suggests a box outside of the office where people could submit ideas, or specific classes/teachers who could offer the prompt and collect responses
- Krista offers to be resource for students

Rob makes motion to adjourn

Notes will be posted on website within 7 days

Hugo seconds the motion