

SAC Meeting Jan 6 2026

Present:

Rob Huntley, Chair
Krista Richie, Vice Chair
Mike Bunin, Principal
Brenda Vaughn, VP
Loralee Burgess, community member
Brendan McDorman, community member
Hugo, Grade 7 rep
Gwen, Grade 8 rep
Charlie, Grade 9 rep
Bridget, Grade 9 rep
Erica Baker, parent

Regrets:

Chloe Kline, parent rep
Pheilm Martin, teacher rep

Motion to begin meeting: Rob
Seconded by Hugo

2. Approval of agenda

3. Approval of last month's meeting minutes

Deferring to approve last month's meeting minutes at next SAC meeting

4. Chair report

- milestone events related to SAC Innovation Fund (application deadline end of April)
- reaching out to community around academic resources connected to social media to help educate and students and families

5. Principal's Report

- Leading up to holiday break, we had a really nice Holiday Pancake breakfast put on by Home & School committee members (about 20 volunteers).
 - Alex Vaughan accompanied Mr. Pitter to lead the school in holiday music sing-a-longs!
 - The gift card donations totalled almost \$2000.
- Basketball teams up and running with games starting next week
- Ski team recently formed. Connected to Citadel High School ski team and will be participating in races throughout the month of February
- School swag clothing order coming in the near future; hopefully by the end of the month.
- Citadel students coming next week to facilitate yoga workshops in Phys Ed class.

- Grade 9 course selection information sessions with Citadel should be scheduled soon.
- Another vintage sports banner auction to be set up later this month.

6. Students' Report

- decided that students will make a survey, maybe Google form, to be completed during ILT
- Suggestion box will be used to collect answers from students each week or so. New questions will be asked to the student body to inform SAC on any ideas of changes from the students.
- results from surveys and suggestion box can be part of student's report moving forward at following meeting
- Krista offered to support the students with compiling their data
- With support from administration, the students can talk with each class about the suggestion box
- Example questions that could be asked:
 - Do you want to do door decorating for Valentine's Day?
 - Questions about monthly assemblies, spirit week ideas, etc.
 - Suggestions for SAC Innovation Fund ideas

7. New business:

- 1) Meeting times and days:
 - suggestion to hold meetings at the top of the hour
 - Krista will set up Doodle (or something similar) to determine what days and times everyone is available
 - Mr. Bunin will send out the email for everyone to reply
- 2) Rob presented the Application Guidelines for SAC Innovation Fund
 - summary and examples of different ideas shared
 - grant submission deadline is in April
 - take the rest of this year to get an idea off the ground and hopefully implement the idea next year
 - reminder to group to bring ideas forward so we can collaborate, decide and build on something to move forward with
 - Ideas:
 - replace the cornerstone plaque commemorating the history of the school
 - mural (question about Tupper's mural - was innovation fund used to help fund?)
 - Better with Bees
 - Question: can a few ideas be included in one application?
 - Somehow improve the outdoor space around the school?
 - School-wide programs around SEL, community, relationships, etc. tied to well-being outcomes to improve academic performance

- Action item: by next meeting, find out more information about application guidelines in terms of how the points are scored

3) Erica Baker

- Parent has had three sons attend the school; one was recently involved in a social media–related incident.
- She has reflected on and recognized her role as a parent in addressing these issues. Erica has since connected with other parents to meet and discuss solutions, followed by meetings with school administration and a teacher.
- These efforts have led to positive changes within the friend group and their families.
- She has also explored the Unplugged Canada website for information and resources.
- Outreach has been made to a group of psychologists to assess interest in presenting to parents.
- A movie recommended by Unplugged Canada could be shown to parents in the school community.
- The SAC is considering how it can create positive change around social media use.
- Besides educating parents, there is also interest in having presenters speak directly to students.

9. Adjournment

Rob makes motion to adjourn

Seconded by Hugo