



SAC Sir Charles Tupper School : Meeting Minutes October 14, 2025

In Attendance: Paula Little, Andrea Fader, Janet Hathaway (community representative), Sina Hemelaar (parent representative), Kristin Hewlet (parent representative), Byran Bell (Schools Plus), Lorelei Burgess (community representative), Lashauna Smith (parent representative & incoming Chair)

Regrets: Laura Hastings, Jackie Steeves (teacher representative)

1. Welcome & Land acknowledgment / People's acknowledgement

- Paula Little welcomed SAC members to the first meeting of the 2025-2026 year and shared a Mi'kmaw and African Nova Scotian land acknowledgement.

2. Call to Order and introductions

- Paula Little called the meeting to order and members of the SAC introduced themselves.
- It was noted that Laura Hastings has concluded her term as SAC Chair. An advertisement was placed in the SCT weekly newsletter (during the month of September), indicating that the SAC was seeking a new Chair.
- There was one expression of interest for the Chair role - Lashauna Smith (parent).

3. Old Business

- N/A

4. Special Reports and/or presentations

a) Principal's Report

- Paula Little shared the Principal's report, with updates on the School Success Plan (including 2025-2026 goals for literacy, math and well-being). Refer to item 5(b).
- Updates were shared on school statistics (class configuration, class enrollment- 241 students)
- Information was shared on provincial assessments (Grade 3 and Grade 6).
- **P-3 Literacy Updates** (Universal Screening: Acadience, Intervention: Halifax Learning P to 2 Intervention / P-6 Student Centred Coaching, Short Cycle Support, TST based decisions)

5. New Business

a) Student Success Plan (SSP) update

- Paula Little shared the 2025-2026 SSP goals for literacy, math and well being.
- **SSP Goals: Literacy:** Students will strengthen their writing by applying and developing encoding skills during independent writing. **Math:** Enhance computational fluency by developing accuracy and efficiency through the use of flexible strategies across operations. **Well-Being:** Improve well-being and achievement by supporting students in establishing routines and habits that enable them to arrive at school feeling rested, alert, and ready to learn.

b) Traffic Calming

- Traffic calming and pedestrian safety has been identified as a concern by SCT parents.
- Jennie Colburn has written a letter to District 9 Councillor, Shawn Cleary, respecting traffic safety around the school.
- Paula Little also had written a follow up letter and sent it to Shawn Cleary and HRM transportation and road safety division. As of October 14, 2025 there has been no response from Shawn Cleary's office (receipt of the letter has been acknowledged).

c) Request for budget considerations

- As of October 14, no requests have come forward for budget considerations.
- The SAC will consider any budget requests as they come in for literacy, math, well-being support in the classrooms.
- 2024-2025 funds have been earmarked for the Blanket Ceremony. Efforts will be made to hold the Blanket Exercise for SCT staff in the 2025-2026 school year.

d) SAC Chair - vote/induction

- Lashauna Smith (parent) has put forward her name for consideration as the new SAC Chair. There were no other expressions of interest.
- Congratulations to Lashauna Smith for being selected as our incoming Chair.

e) 2025-2026 Meeting Dates: 5:30 pm each night. Tuesday, October 14, Tuesday, December 9, Tuesday, February 10, Tuesday, April 14, Tuesday, May 12, Tuesday, June 9th

6. Public input: Questions from SAC members

- Members discussed other opportunities to enhance student wellbeing, including recognition of International Day of the Girl/International Day of the Child and accessibility/disability awareness. The SAC will continue to discuss these opportunities at future meetings.

7. Adjournment

8. Next meeting date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 5:30PM