



SAC Sir Charles Tupper School: Meeting Minutes March 5, 2026

In Attendance: Lashauna Smith (Chair, parent representative), Andrea Fader (teacher representative), Janet Hathaway (community representative), Bryan Bell (community representative, Schools Plus), Lorelei Burgess (community representative); Jackie Steeves (teacher representative)

Regrets: Paula Little (Principal, non-voting member); Sina Hemelaar (parent representative), Kristin Hewlett (parent representative)

1. Welcome & Land acknowledgment / People's acknowledgement

- Chair (L. Smith) welcomed members to the meeting and shared a Mi'kmaw and African Nova Scotian land acknowledgement.

2. Call to Order and introductions

- Chair (L. Smith) called the meeting to order. It was confirmed that quorum was present for the meeting.
- The December 9, 2025, SAC Meeting minutes were presented and approved as circulated.

3. Business Arising from Meeting Minutes

- A group of parents has formed a committee to discuss approaches to traffic safety and traffic calming around the school. Chair (L. Smith) has reached out to the parent representative multiple times, with no response. The SAC will keep traffic safety/traffic calming as a standing agenda item.

4. Special Reports and/or presentations

a. Principal's Report

- A. Fader (on behalf of P. Little) shared the Principal's report, with updates on: Literacy Week, African Heritage Month & Buddy Daye Centre contest; Chess Club; School Lockdown Drills; Talent Show preparations; Scholastic Bookfair; PTP BINGO Fundraiser (\$900 raised); Clay Sculpting with Ms. Nash; preparation for Grade 3 Literacy and Math Assessments.
- Term 2 Reports Card – distributed week of March 30. Parent Teacher meetings to be held April 2, 2026.

5. Finance & Budget Update

- One budget expenditure request between December 9, 2025 and March 5, 2026 via e-mail (submitted by P. Little on behalf of teachers on February 13, 2026).
 - New student whiteboards, which are used daily during both literacy and math instruction, as well as new markers, erasers, and magnetic letters. The estimated cost for these items is approximately \$1,500.
 - This expenditure was approved by the SAC via email.
- Request from in school Speech Language Pathologist for speech/language support tools including a “Mouth Model” (\$40) “Sorting Sharks” (\$28) and Vocabulary Building verb cards (\$40). This request was approved by the SAC.
- There is approximately \$1500 remaining from 2024-2025 to support conducting the Blanket Exercise with staff. Chair (L. Smith) to reach out to previous Chair to discuss.
- SAC members discussed Nova Scotia provincial budget cuts (as part of the 2026-2027 provincial budget) specifically the SAC Innovation Fund and other educational programming (i.e. artists in schools/writers in schools programs). The SAC agreed that there is opportunity to use remaining SAC budget to offset gaps caused by the budget cuts.
- The SAC will continue to consider any budget requests as they come in for literacy, math, well-being support in the classrooms.

6. New Business

- A Fader (on behalf of P. Little) reviewed SSP Cycle 2 short cycle goals and actions; Grade 6 Provincial assessment results and Attendance Tracking.
- A request has been made to both the PTP and SAC regarding support for Muralfest 2026. Specifically, the Norwood/Beech side of the building. The previous mural was \$15,000 (fundraising/sponsorship; contribution of Muralfest and admin contribution). Members discussed, but no decision was made on SAC funding support for this initiative.

7. Open Discussion/Public Input

- The SAC will continue to discuss opportunities for student success in literacy, math and well-being, in alignment with the SAC mandate.

8. Next meeting date: April 14, 2026

9. Adjournment