



## **SAC Sir Charles Tupper School: Meeting Minutes April 14, 2026**

**In Attendance:** Lashauna Smith (Chair, parent representative), Paula Little (Principal, non-voting member), Andrea Fader (teacher representative), Sina Hemelaar (parent representative), Janet Hathaway (community representative), Kristin Hewlett (parent representative)

Guest: Alison Bussey (parent)

**Regrets:** Bryan Bell (community representative, Schools Plus), Lorelei Burgess (community representative); Jackie Steeves (teacher 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 March 5, 2026 SAC Meeting minutes were presented and approved as circulated.
- SAC members introduced themselves to Alison Bussey (parent) who sat in as a guest for the meeting.

### **3. Business Arising from Meeting Minutes**

- Traffic Calming - SAC members discussed the formation of a parent committee and whether any initiatives have taken place by the committee to date. Kristin H. noted that she would follow up with the committee organizer to see if there has been any progress, to ensure the SAC does not duplicate efforts.
- Current major traffic related issues include parking on the Cambridge Street side (impeding traffic flow) and parents parking in the no-parking zone directly in front of the school during drop off. An email has gone out to parents/guardians reminding them not to park in the no-parking zone. SAC members agreed that before discussing solutions to the traffic issue, it would be helpful to understand if HRM has done any monitoring/study of neighborhood traffic.

### **4. Special Reports and/or presentations**

#### **a. Principal's Report**

- P. Little shared the Principal's report, with updates on: Talent Show; Term 2 Report Card distribution and Parent/Teacher Conferences (held April 2); Fire Drill; Chess Club; Scholastic Book Fair (\$3000 raised); Spring Concert (upcoming April 28); end of year activities including pre-primary and primary orientation and Grade 6 closing and field trips.
- The SAC recognizes Maria Worthen and George for their efforts to manage and organize the book fair.

## **5. Finance & Budget Update**

- The SAC discussed the 2025-2026 budget including the \$1500 remaining from 2024-2025 to conduct the Blanket Exercise with staff. Unfortunately, given timing and scheduling, this activity has not been scheduled. The SAC agreed to re-purpose those funds for other initiatives.
- As of May 1, 2026, there is approximately \$3000 remaining in the SAC budget for 2025-2026.
- 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**

- P. Little provided an overview of the SSP Cycle 3 goals related to literacy, math and well-being and noted that additional updates related to 2026-2027 (registration, staffing etc.) would be available for the May meeting.
- S. Hemelaar put forward a proposal for a school wide awareness project to introduce children to their fundamental rights in an age-appropriate, engaging and empowering way (classroom posters; student activity booklets, parent/community newsletter, classroom activity kits, resource bookmarks/wallet cards; assembly). The estimated budget for this project is \$400. The SAC agreed to review the proposal with the aim of revising at the May meeting.
- The committee agreed to move discussion of 2026-2027 SAC membership to the May meeting.

## **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:** May 12, 2026

## **9. Adjournment**