



SAC Sir Charles Tupper School: Meeting Minutes May 12, 2026

In Attendance: Lashauna Smith (Chair, parent representative), Paula Little (Principal, non-voting member), Andrea Fader (teacher representative), Janet Hathaway (community representative), Kristin Hewlett (parent representative), Bryan Bell (community representative, Schools Plus), Jackie Steeves (teacher representative); Lorelei Burgess (community representative)

Regrets: Sina Hemelaar (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 April 14, 2026 SAC Meeting minutes were presented and approved as circulated.

3. Business Arising from Meeting Minutes

- Traffic Calming - Kristin H. noted that she had spoken to the SCT parent who was intending to form a traffic calming/pedestrian safety committee. She confirmed that the committee had not formed and no actions have been taken to date. **Action:** Lashauna S. will follow up with Shawn Cleary, District 9 Councilor/HRM to ask about recent traffic/data studies on streets around the school before the next SAC meeting in June.
- SAC members discussed the proposal "Know Your Rights: A Children's Rights Awareness Initiative" submitted by member S. Hemelaar. Thank you to Sina for bringing it forward. Following discussion, members determined that the initiative falls outside of the scope of the SAC mandate as curriculum development and direction falls within the purview of the Department of Education and Early Childhood. The SAC subsequently voted not to proceed with the proposal.

4. Special Reports and/or presentations

a. Principal's Report

- P. Little shared the Principal's report, with updates on: P. Little shared the Principal's report, with updates on: Earth Day; Final Extractions from PowerSchool; Spring Concert: feedback; Professional Learning Day: with LMST (renewed literacy curriculum); LM3 Provincial Assessment; Spring Clean Up Day; Run Club / Visit from Myles; Chess Tournament; Upcoming field trips; Fire Drill this week; Initial Configurations for 2026-2027.
- Coming up activities include: Minister of Health visit to see Roots of Empathy; Black Excellence Day; Primary/Pre-Primary Orientation; Grade 6 closing; Grade 7 orientation meeting for parents; Wanderer's Game; Track and Field Meet; Spring Fair.

5. Finance & Budget Update

- As of May 12, 2026 there was \$2,278.77 remaining in the SAC budget for 2025-2026.

6. New Business

- P. Little provided an overview of the SSP Cycle 3 goals related to literacy, math and well-being. Updates were also provided on registration numbers for 2026-2027 and preliminary classroom configurations. P. Little also indicated that staff figures will remain the same for 2026-2027. Three teachers are retiring at the end of June. Their positions will be posted in the 1st round of vacancies. The school also will have a full-time counsellor (up from .5 of an FTE).

7. Open Discussion/Public Input

8. Next meeting date: June 9, 2026

9. Adjournment