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SAC Minutes- October 6th 2026

Call to Order:
Devin Ashley
Erin Dunn
Jodi Gordon
Darlene Joyce
Stephanie Sudsbury
Doris Boyd
Adrienne Kidd
Mikayla Marriott
Nicole Evanson
Ryanne Hamblin
Nicole Jackson

Regrets:
Jen Borden
Ryanne Hamblin
Tasha Pitcher
Jen MacIsaac
Rose MacAuley

Old Business:

- Outdoor Library - No updates yet
- Proposal required for New Sign
    - The costs and work involved in replacing the sign were discussed.
    - A local group would not be able to complete the work, as the sign is located on public property.
    - The wooden structure at the base of the existing sign is damaged.
    - The garden box surrounding the sign could be used to display seasonal flowers.

Student Success Plan Update:

During our PD day, we explored common themes around the importance of language and consistency in supporting student success. Discussion focused on team teaching, using professionals within the building to model language, and incorporating the same or similar resources across classes. We also reflected on the expectations outlined in our matrix and the importance of using consistent language throughout the building, including in classrooms, at assemblies, and in outdoor spaces. An important consideration is how well this language is reflected in our instructional practices. We will continue this work by meeting with our regional team to review and discuss next steps.

Literacy Goal: We will improve student achievement in **literacy**, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

Teachers will:

- Develop common language linked to curriculum outcomes
- Gather student exemplars
- Teachers will embed student talk opportunities to allow for consolidation of learning
- Collaboration with other teachers
- Modelling
- Anchor charts

Mathematics Goal: We will improve student achievement in **mathematics**, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

Teachers will:

- track progress using consistent language outlined in the computational Fluency Criteria.
- Develop anchor charts consistent with language outlined in the computational Fluency Criteria.
- Provide students with opportunities to develop conceptual understanding through the use of a variety of manipulatives

Well-being Goal: We will improve student **well-being,** with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

We will:

- Strengthen consistent use of the Huskies Matrix of Expectations so it is fully embedded across all settings and grade levels
- Review Husky Slide show

School Pictures

- School picture proofs were sent home with students today.
- Families are encouraged to provide feedback on the quality of the photos to help inform future decisions.

Celebrating Students

- *Fantastic Friday Phone Calls* and *Hillside High Five Assemblies* will continue this school year.
- The first assembly was a great experience and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate student achievements.
- Grade 5 students will continue to take on leadership roles in supporting and facilitating these initiatives.

LM3 – Grade 3 Provincial Assessment Results

- The Grade 3 provincial assessment results are now available.
- Results will be shared with families through EduPost tomorrow.
- An overview of the data will be provided to the School Advisory Council (SAC) at the next meeting.

Upcoming Dates

- **October 12:** Thanksgiving Day – No classes
- **October 22:** Halloween Howl
- **October 23:** NSTU Conference Day – No classes
- **November 2:** Picture Retake Day
- **November 10:** School Remembrance Day Observance
- **November 11:** Remembrance Day – No classes
- **November 20:** Assessment and Evaluation Day

Upcoming SAC Meeting Dates:

- Sept 15
- Oct 6
- Nov 3
- Feb 2
- April 6
- May 4

New Business:

Field Trips and Student Experiences.

We will offer students additional field trip opportunities later in the school year, and we will plan based on budget availability and logistical feasibility. In the meantime, alternative opportunities to bring engaging and enriching experiences directly to the school are being explored.
We are building connections with local organizations and community groups to provide students with a diverse range of experiences, such as:

- Halifax Thunderbirds
- Yoga
- Dance
- Halifax Mooseheads

School Picture Feedback

- Feedback regarding this year's school pictures highlighted some opportunities to improve the overall photography experience.
- Some families, staff, and students felt that certain poses could have been more natural and that additional support during the sessions may have helped students feel more comfortable.
- Staff and students emphasized the importance of creating a relaxed and welcoming environment where students feel comfortable and their individual personalities and styles are reflected in their photos.

PTG Meeting Minutes - October 6, 2026

PTG: (Parent-Teacher Group)
$3948.71 in the account

- Halloween Howl
    - Discussed donation letters and how to sign up for who was going to drop off the letters and where.
    - Sign-up for stations
    - Support required for set-up starting Thursday Afternoon
    - Support required for tear-down following the event.

Meeting Adjourned:
