

Astral Drive SAC Meeting Minutes

Dec 2, 2025

Attendance: Carol-Anne Larade, Principal, Mary Dowden-Marrie, Vice Principal, Kaydee Webber, Parent Member, Karen McNamara, Teacher, Karen Scotland, Collette Frenchville

Regrets: Hayley Sandall Chair/Parent Member, Latoya Perkins, Vice Chair/Parent Member, Gail Stevens, Community Member, David McCrae, Support Staff

Meeting Called to Order at 5:00pm

Minutes from last meeting approved by Consensus

Reviewed SAC Conference

Vice Principal/Principal Report:

- 1) **SSP** – Review Reading and Math Assessment in classrooms (CBAS), LM3, Incident and Attendance Data.
- 2) **School Photos Contracts** - SAC renewed for 2024,2025.2026, John Tenwolde, Photomaster Studios, 13 Beckfoot Drive, Dartmouth, NS, B2Y4H4, photomasterstudios@icloud.com
- 3) **Coaching**-Teachers working with Math and Literacy coaches in grades 1, 2 and 5/6 currently.
- 4) **Small groups** have been decided and are receiving support from ELST for second block
- 5) Review SAC Memo from the RED
- 6) **Lunch Feedback** – Community Feedback – 1. would like to see lunches come home to gage what children are eating. 2. Portion sizes for older students. Food safety considerations do not currently allow for this to happen and parents can offer feedback on the NS Lunch website.
- 7) **Behaviour Matrix** – Encourage parents to offer responses to current matrix to provide a more collaborative document and approach
- 8) **Attendance** – Continuing to encourage and support families with attendance
- 9) **Crossing Guard** request was denied again, maybe able to reassess at a later date.
- 10) **Sprucing up outdoor space** – Collette Frenchville connecting with community groups to work towards bettering the shared space between the elementary and junior high. Grant writing for things such as basketball nets of appropriate height, stencils for the mini road area, etc. Also connecting with the local junior high and high schools to build buddy benches.
- 11) **Operational Inquiry** – Improve lighting in the traffic loop and adjacent playgrounds.

Budget Review: Approved Items

- 1) Benches (In progress)
- 2) UFLI materials in classrooms (In progress)
- 3) Classroom Library Refresh joint with SAC and Book Fair
- 4) Paint for playground stencils (Hold for later)
- 5) Chromebooks (30-35) and possible iPads for younger grades (Hold for later)

Teacher/School Requests:

Meeting Times Sept 23, Oct 21, Nov 27, Dec 2, Jan 13, Feb 24, May 5 at 5:00pm. **Adjournment** of Meeting at 6:00 pm