

Astral Drive SAC Meeting Minutes Jan 13, 2026

Attendance: Carol-Anne Larade, Principal, Mary Dowden-Marrie, Vice Principal, Latoya Perkins, Chair/Parent Member, Kaydee Webber, Parent Member, Karen McNamara, Teacher, Ms Jen, Teacher

Regrets: Hayley Sandall Chair/Parent Member moved(resigned), Gail Stevens, Community Member, David McCrae, Support staff, Karen Scotland, parent member, Collette Frenchville, parent member, Darcie Stokes parent member

Meeting Called to Order at 5:00pm and Minutes from last meeting approved by Consensus

Vice Principal/Principal Report:

- 1) **SSP** – Review Reading and Math Assessment in classrooms (CBAS)
- 2) **Coaching**-Teachers working with Math coach will finish this week and Literacy coach continues.
- 3) **SAC Memo** – New from the RED and noted that this will be a regular thing
- 4) **Lunch Feedback** – will share NS Lunch support link with families. <https://nslunch-support.ednet.ns.ca/>
- 5) **Behaviour Matrix** – After parent opportunity to offer responses we are moving to teacher and students for further feedback before altering the Matrix.
- 6) **Traffic Circle** – Working on a graphic image to share with parents to support traffic flow. Will purchase cones to help with Lakeshire drive side.
- 7) **Crossing Guard** – Another request will be put in via 311
- 8) **Sprucing up outdoor space** – Updates at a later time when Collette Frenchville returns. She is 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.
- 9) **Operational Inquiry** – Improve lighting in the traffic loop and adjacent playgrounds. Operations looked into it. NSP has been called to request they be fixed.
- 10) **Celebrating Diversity** – Conversation about more prepared planning for African Heritage Month.

Budget Review: Approved Items

- 1) Benches and Bike Racks (In progress)
- 2) UFLI materials in classrooms: magnetic letter and cookie sheets (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:

- 1) Lego for a classroom – On hold until we try a proposed idea to gather donations.
- 2) Care Closet suggestion approved for as a shared expense for SAC and PTO at 500 each. School will also contribute with SSG funds.

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