

Astral Drive SAC Meeting Minutes September 15, 2026

Attendance: Carol-Anne Larade, Principal, Mary Dowden-Marrie, Vice Principal, Latoya Perkins, Chair/Parent Member, Kaydee Webber, Parent Member, Karen Scotland, Parent Member, Collette Francheville, Parent Member, Lela Machaidze, Parent Member Empty Seats, Community Members, David McCrae, Support Staff, Karen McNamara, Teacher, Additional attendees, Paul Gray **Regrets:**

Meeting Called to Order at 5:00pm

Minutes from last meeting approved: First Meeting of the year

Overview of the role of SAC

Vice Principal/Principal Report:

- SSP –Reading and Math Assessment in classrooms. We will collect and decide on next steps based on regular assessments.
- Currently working on Early Screeners to decide on baseline groups for first short cycle in literacy through ELST. Overview of what Early Literacy support will look like this year
- All classes meet provincial cap guidelines
- Contacting Staff Members – via PowerSchool
- Role of coaches in the building this year
- Character Education Monthly Focus lead by Jenn Greer
- Grade 6 Provincial Assessment is coming up in October will be online this year for samples and assessment
- Still in need of lunch monitors
- Same Lunch Vendor is Mr Smooth with some new lunch items
- Grants discussion: Previously applied for grants and SAC Innovation grant
- Discussion on choosing members
- The EECD has a page on their website in support of the work of SACs, complete with a range of documents and videos, shared here for your perusal: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/SAC>

Discussion Items:

- Gag ball pit and traffic loop question
- Basketball nets between schools question
- Extra garbage cans available outside
- Traffic circle concerns – have flyers to share procedures with those not following and gather license information.
- Card for former community member Gail Stevens
- Climbing wall in gym for indoor days
- Possible google form to gain ideas from community members

Budget Review:

Last Year's Report: [School Advisory Council Annual Report June 2026.docx](#)

Focus for This year: Driven by teacher requests and needs as they present themselves

Teacher/School Requests:

- 640.00 approved for Books and materials to support structured literacy in P/1 English (Decodable books, Whiteboards, markers, colours of the world crayons, folders)

Next Meeting TBD at 5:00pm. Adjournment of Meeting at 5:40 pm