

Astral Drive SAC Meeting Minutes **October 13, 2026**

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

Regrets: Karen Scotland, Parent Member, Lela Machaidze, Parent Member

Meeting Called to Order at 5:00pm

Minutes from last meeting approved:

Vice Principal/Principal Report:

- SSP –Reading and Math Assessment in classrooms. We will collect and decide on next steps based on regular assessments and once up and running will use the online CBAS system.
- Short cycle in literacy through ELST is happening now
- Character Education Monthly Focus lead by Jenn Greer; prizes offer for family feedback
- Grade 6 Provincial Assessment is happening with online samples sessions done last week and tweaking things this week before the actual online assessments next week.
- Grade 3 Literacy results in and being sent to families
- Fudge fundraising is underway and we are learning as we go for the basketball nets. Still having discussions with jr high and operations around proper placement of the nets and court.
- 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>

Discussions and Follow ups:

- Gag ball pit and traffic loop question - No
- Basketball nets - possible location still in discussion with operations, Jr High and Elementary
- Extra garbage cans outside – question posed
- Traffic circle concerns – flyers given out to share procedures with those not following procedures, announcement to move vehicles, reach out to traffic compliance, consideration of further options and next steps.
- Card for former community member Gail Stevens made and given to PTO lead to deliver
- Climbing wall in gym for indoor days – No Follow up question around Bouldering
- Google form to gain ideas from community members – was sent in Oct newsletter will sort through feedback and bring to next meeting.
- October is Mi'kmaw History Month, Canadian Library Month and Islamic Heritage Month
- Discussion of holding our own Sports Fair in the Spring
- Discussion of options for dirt space by Astral Drive doors

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)
- Tennis Balls for chairs requested – before purchasing, exploring possible donations

Next Meeting: Jan 12 at 5:00pm. **Adjournment** of Meeting at 5:50 pm