



SAC Meeting Minutes February 26th, 2024

In attendance: Cari Duggan-MacNeil, Meaghan Williams, Keri Butler, Marilyn MacGibbon, Sherisse O’Leary, Shauna Ferrar, Debbra Poirier, Amanda Campbell, Neil Burbridge, Tara Sampson

1. Review of Agenda
2. Approval to post Previous SAC Meeting Summary – Keri made edits to January minutes prior to posting
3. Principal’s Report & Student Success Plan Update (SSP)- [Marilyn MacGibbon]

Athletics

The girl's and boy's hockey seasons have come to a close. The boy's had a strong showing in their playoff games, finishing with 3 competitive playoff games against much higher seeded opponents.

The girl's hockey team finished 4th in the capital region, and won their provincial qualifier vs Parkview earning the right to play at this past weekend’s SSNS girl's high school hockey provincials for the first time since 2010-2011.

The boy's and girls' basketball seasons have come to a close. Both the boy's and girl's had successful seasons, with the girl's capping off their season with a tournament win at the North South Challenge hosted by Yarmouth Consolidated High School.

Sincere thank you to Kurt Jarrett, Katie Winters, Neil Burbridge, Chrystal McNeil, and Keri Butler for their involvement running this year's hockey and basketball teams. It is very difficult to run these programs smoothly, and in the best interest of the student-athletes educational needs, without the efforts of our J.L. Ilsley staff coaches and teacher advisors.

Badminton, Girl's Rugby, snowboarding, and field hockey are in full swing. Thank you to Mr. MacKay, Ms. Campbell, and Mr. Jeannot, and Ms. Winters for their efforts with this.

Lacrosse is due to begin sometime between March 18-April 1. The coordinator is waiting to see when Lebrun arena will be removing their ice.

There are currently talks in progress with the individuals who run some youth rugby in our community to look at starting up a J.L. Ilsley boy's rugby team in the winter of 2025.

African Heritage Month Activities

We have an amazing opportunity for connection and education for our African Nova Scotian, and Black students. Chernice from Black Wellness Co. <https://www.bwcns.ca/> (information below) will be here on **Friday February 16th** in the afternoon with two of her colleagues. They are offering sessions on health and wellness and will be running some fitness circuits as well as offering time to talk about who they are and their own wellness journeys. If there are other students who would like to attend, they are more than welcome to sign up as well.

Soul Food: A group of students are making some soul food for Wednesday including macaroni and cheese, chicken legs and collard greens.

MAJE Assembly tomorrow: Michael Alexander Jerome Earle (born October 31, 1991) is a Canadian songwriter, performer, and entrepreneur. MAJE gained recognition in 2015 when he entered and won a songwriting competition put on by Music Nova Scotia based on the Black activist Viola Desmond. 10,000 dollars was awarded to MAJE and his collaborators Samm Splash and Ashley Burke.

Breakfast Program: We have hired someone to help us in the mornings so things are running smoothly and we are able to provide hot options in the mornings. Pilot program to purchase food from a supplier and only that one supplier will start in March. Soup from Tarek's on Friday which was well received. Ms. Adam's Service Trades 10 cooked corn chowder.

McDonalds' Update: McTeachers is an event where staff at the school will serve the community. The school will receive 20% of sales for the evening to put towards an initiative.

SSP: We continue to work on Short Cycle Goals. In math 10 we are just finishing up targeted conversations. In English we are expanding on our previous goal and we continue to work on student well-being with all of our various speakers and events. Juli Gillard, Katie Winters and I did a recent interview that was posted by HRCE on our pilot and its success.

Improv team finished 3 at the Canadian Improv Games for all of Nova Scotia.

Course Selections are taking place right now and different grades have different deadlines.

Academic Awards ceremony was very well attended.

4. Student Council Update:

Mr. Burbridge provided an update. SC held a Study Night for students and Exam tips in January. There was Candy Grams and Roses for Valentine's Day on February 15th. Movie Night is planned and Egg Hunt is coming up. Dance to be held in April. March Madness they are planning a Food Drive.

5. Business Items with outstanding action:

- a. SAC Schedule: May 13, June 10
- b. JL Ilsley's scoreboard from old building has been found and information on installation was for console and installation to be less than \$5,000. Follow up in May.
- c. Field Update from Patti Cuttell- on outdoor seating we received correspondence that Ray Walsh Director of Parks and Recreation for HRM has confirmed HRM has now taken over the field and benches and or bleachers will be installed in Spring. Follow up in Spring.
- d. Grad Photo Project – graduating students in new building will be posted in cafeteria. Grad photos previously posted in old building cafeteria project still being worked on. New composites being made. Check in May for progress. In future, possible volunteer to help with old building grad photo digitization project and shadow box project is being sourced currently for old building grad classes.
- e. Other building related items- Microwave Range Hood progress and Leak being repaired, distillation apparatus for Chem Lab, Freezer door replacement.
- f. SAC Administration- ongoing Review Survey Results from Food Survey
- g. Looking into School Messenger app to determine use in High Schools and how applied with individual class attendance vs day attendance- this was looked into and not feasible for use at JL as it does not reduce manual intervention in process.
- h. SAC Funding discussion on purchasing Chromebooks with SAC funds. Tablet for gym is needed also. Will confirm funding at next meeting once other Tech grants are checked.

- i. Proposal for new Innovation Fund being created by Brian Shea and Neil Burbridge. Will be submitted in April.
6. J.L. IIsley Fundraising Committee Update- [Cari Duggan-MacNeil]
 - a. Approval to move forward on launch of JL volunteer database. Email set up jlilsleyvolunteers@gmail.com. Next Steps to be determined and ensure program in place prior to school year end.
 - b. J.L. IIsley 50/50 Fundraiser underway. Continue to have SAC members push 50/50. Outside Edge has donated funds to have set of printables to promote in school and community moving forward. Neil to have Leadership 12 promote for 2 months. Cari and Neil met to meet to organize.
7. Next Meeting- April 15th, 2024
8. Adjourned at 7:15pm