

# Hammonds Plains Consolidated School



## SAC Meeting Summary

Date: Tuesday, Nov 12, 2024

Team Member	Present	Regrets
Lynn Corkum, Principal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrea Noylander, Vice Principal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erika Gagne, French Resource	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Braid-Callaway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jenny Saulnier, EPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Leighton, EPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Hebb, EPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tanya Killam, Parent (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jamie Ingram, Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emily MacKinnon, Parent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Orr Frohlich, Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jenna Post, Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Krista Comeau, Community Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terri Kottwitz, Community Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heather Stenason, PP teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Agenda/Order of Business

1. **Call to Order**
  - a. Meeting called to order at 5:30
  
2. **Approval of the agenda**
  - a. Approved by Erika G.

- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Orr F.

### 3. Approval of previous meeting's summary

- a. Approved by Erika G.
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Orr F.

### 4. Business arising from previous meeting

- a. SAC Spending budget (2024-2025 budget) – Survey went out to teachers and staff to determine needs.
  - i. Music program – would like instruments. Maybe roughly \$1000.
  - ii. Flexible seating – wobble stools, rocking chairs, egg chairs are liked. Could potentially spend around \$4000 on this.
  - iii. Noise cancelling headphones. Last year purchased for around \$12/pair. See a need for more. Suggest buying roughly 2/class so each class would have 4 (2 per class were purchased last year). This would cost roughly \$600.
  - iv. Quiet corners/chill zones – target a smaller population. Lynn indicated that the school budget could help create that if teachers indicated they needed it.
  - v. Screening funding – school indicated they would pay for anyone having trouble paying.
- b. Universal lunch program – putting out ~300-400 meals per day. Kitchen fully functioning. Have a good system for getting meals out, some growing pains for first few days but seems to be going very well right now.
  - i. Milk program may come back.
  - ii. Snacks might come back when system is fully worked out.
- c. Breakfast program working well, has adequate volunteers.
- d. Kids and Technology. HRCE Cell Phone policy. P-6 HRCE/EECD children are discouraged from bringing phones to school but if they are brought to school they must be kept in bags and turned off. Junior high is almost the same but a little more at teachers' discretion.
- e. Jenna – Proposing an info night for parents to provide education about safe tech (phone/tablet) use during school hours. Potentially connect with someone from HRCE to determine if similar initiatives are being offered and how to bring potential resources to this population.

### 5. School Improvement Plan

- a. Wellness, math, and literacy (P-5). 85% meeting benchmarks in French and 82% in English for literacy. Interventions for groups not meeting benchmarks will be looked at after report cards go out.
  - i. Update on Math provided after report cards.
- b. PTA – Turkey bingo, Halloween dance, both well attended.
- c. PD day occurred, went well.
- d. 2 popcorn days went really well.
- e. Teachers' union conference was held, went well.
- f. Bus evacuation drills went well.

- g. Costume parade and dance at school on Halloween day, went great, kids enjoyed it immensely.
- h. Looking at possibility of planning a winter carnival. Grade 5 leaders can be incorporated in planning and executing that day. Need two plans due to weather possibilities (with/without snow). Would like to make theme similar to Carnival (Quebec festival).
- i. Remembrance Day ceremony went really well.
- j. For the love of trees. Every child got a tree to go plant from Forestry Nova Scotia.

**6. New Business**

- a. Discussion around promoting productive and positive classrooms for students and teachers. Seeking suggestions and strategies to support students, teachers and parents/caregivers with reinforcing positive behaviours within the Grade 5 classrooms.

**7. Round Table**

- a. No new items raised.

**8. Next Meeting:** January 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Meeting will be online, link to be sent out.

**9. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 6:35