

Hammonds Plains Consolidated School



SAC Meeting Summary

Date: Tuesday, Oct 14, 2025

Team Member	Present	Regrets
Lynn Corkum, Principal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Andrea Noylander, Vice Principal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Erika Gagne, French Resource	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Braid-Callaway, Teacher/Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Leighton, EPA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jamie Ingram, Parent Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emily MacKinnon, Parent Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Orr Frohlich, Parent Member (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Krista Comeau, Community Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jenna Post, Parent Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moriya Dechtiar, Parent Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kara Redding, Teacher/Parent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Agenda/Order of Business

1. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 5:37

2. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. Approved by Jenna Post
 - b. 2nd by Erika Gagne

3. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Summary**
 - a. Approved by Emily MacKinnon

- b. 2nd by Sarah Braid-Callaway

4. Business Arising from Previous Meeting Summary

- a. SAC membership
 - i. Currently, our membership is not aligned with our agreement with the school. (Should be 3 of each type of member, and we currently have: 4 parents, 1 community member, and 3 teachers).
 - ii. Our options: amend the agreement to state that parents can be considered community members, retire a member who has been on SAC for more than 3 years (as is recommended), or have an election.
 - iii. Clearly, we need more community members, and we need African Nova Scotian representation.
 - iv. Last year, we tried advertising to local FB groups and churches, but there was little interest.
 - v. Orr to bring issue to the next meeting, as there are too few members present to vote tonight.
- b. Spending grant (approx. \$5,000)
 - i. Last year, a Google doc survey was sent to teachers to canvass for ideas. Erica and Sarah to locate 2024 version and update for this year (one page for spending grant + one page for innovation fund).
 - ii. Supplies or equipment purchased with the spending grant must make direct connections to the school's SSP (literacy, math, wellness) and a report is submitted at EOY.
 - iii. In previous years, it has been spent on noise-cancelling headphones, decodable books (French and English), musical instruments, and flexible seating.
- c. **SAC Innovation Fund application (approx. \$10,000)**
 - i. Documents are released in April; the deadline to apply is by the end of June.
 - ii. In addition to being included in the Google doc survey, SAC teacher members to bring the idea of the innovation fund to the next staff meeting to see if people have ideas.
 - iii. Need to discuss assigning a project manager (i.e., is it the SAC that administers the project, or does it get contracted out, and who will handle submitting the application and/or final report?)
 - iv. Application is quite involved; needs to include specifics about quotes and contractors and projections, etc.
- d. Kids and tech
 - i. Jenna's meeting with Steve Gallagher went well, and he's very supportive of the initiative.
 - ii. Jenna is working with Gallagher's comms team to write an email that will go out to all 60,000 families + 10,000 staff in the HRCE about Unplugged Canada.

- iii. Jenna will be attending the PISA Conference on Oct. 24, presenting just before the keynote.
- iv. The NS tech in schools bill did not pass because it is more federal in nature. It's been tabled federally and is starting conversations. IPSOS reports 81% of Nova Scotians support legislation of some kind.

5. Admin update

- a. Turkey Bingo was a success. Hooray!
- b. The modular is great. One cold classroom (Erika's), but otherwise all going tickety-boo. Safety checks are completed. Just waiting for lockers to be installed.
- c. The first fire drill went well; no crying, completed in record time!
- d. Grades 1 + 2 had their language assessments, and a daily support group has been formed for those identified as needed interventions. They will re-test in January and form new groups then.
- e. There is a new French language assistant in the building, and she makes her rounds every Tuesday, encouraging students to speak in French in between classes.
- f. There is also a new African Nova Scotian fine arts specialist for the school (through the Fine Arts School in Dartmouth) who will help incorporate Indigenous and ANS arts programming (music, dancing, painting, etc.) Teachers can request programming as it relates to curriculum. Grades 4 + 5 will be getting an ANS dance workshop that may or may not lead to a performance for the school.
- g. The Grade 5 leadership program starts this month, and organizers are seeking speakers to talk to the kids about the importance of volunteering and building leadership skills.
- h. NSTU Conference Day is Oct. 24
- i. PTA's Halloween Dance will be Oct. 29
- j. Remembrance Day ceremony will be Nov. 10

6. New Business

- a. Orr to submit the report on last year's spending (the funding grant used to purchase flex seating, etc.) Lynn or Jamie to find receipts?
- b. SAC Conference is coming up on Nov. 28. Orr and Lynn going, and Jenna would like to attend if possible (Orr offered his ticket).

7. Next Meeting: November 18 at 5:30 in person

8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:28