

SAC Minutes Dec 16

Attendance: Sarah Jeans, Semilore Olaoye., Peggy MacLean, Tiffanie Hubbard, Allyson MacKay, Deborah Gilbert, Rebecca Engram, Nkem Emizie-Ejinima, Funmi Ibrabor, Trisha Schmeisser

Regrets: Connor Amero, Sean MacDonald

Last meeting follow up:

- Approval of Minutes from Oct 9th and Nov 16th - approved
- SAC conference Nov 28 - Nkem attended. She reported there were workshops, community partnerships, grants to apply for which we can look into. It was a lot to pack into one day but was useful. She will share notes when compiled
- Select dates for SAC meetings 2026 - will wait for Sean for the rest but tentatively booked Feb. 12 pending Sean's approval.

New Business:

- Welcome to Farrah Levangie as our new Grade 7/8 rep!
- WBH multi-sport field - There have been concerns brought forth about the field not being the capacity the community thought it would be. It is not in fact a multi sport field. The size doesn't allow games and it is only a practice facility. Also, it is not in good condition, with hardly any grass and many holes. It's hard for teams to practice on it as well. This however is an HRM responsibility rather than a school one.
- It was brought up by Farrah that there is a lot of garbage on and around the field and there are no garbage receptacles in that area at all. Alison will see if they can ask about getting garbage cans on or near the field.
- HRCE engagement: media consent for students. - This was brought up at the regional SAC meeting and we had a discussion. It is certainly a concern. Lots of insta pages running and students are running some. They don't check the media forms and so students' pictures may be there despite no permission. This is a bigger issue and needs more discussion by a wider audience.

Standing Items:

- Innovation Grant - Sean will talk to department heads about ideas for the grant coming up this spring. We weren't successful last year and perhaps we need an idea that has a lasting impact. There seems to be a focus on programs, not "things". The website has a list of past approved projects to consult. Some possible ideas brought up were something similar to the Roots of Empathy program in elementary, or a school pantry which Schools Plus would like to partner on. More discussion needs to happen
- Wolf Pack Days - We had our first one which included a coffee house and the band concert. They were successful but many of the attendees were from the elementary side. It was discussed that the kids weren't aware that these things were happening or why and it needs to be more widely publicized to the high school side. This is intended to be a yearly event and there is room for growth. There was discussion of moving it to the

fall or the spring where more capacity would be available outside for things like smudging. There will be a time capsule created.

Principal's Report:

- volleyball just finished, boys hockey, sr and jr basketball just starting, unified sport taking place
- grad planning has started. First cohort this year will take place at the school as we only have about 100 grads. There will be about 3 tickets per grad for the ceremony and then a gathering afterwards with food. We are trying to have a march out with the elementary. We have a contract for disposable gowns and they will be measured in Jan. Grad photos are in January and students need to sign up. Fees will be about \$60-80 this year. There are talks with MSVU for future years.
- high school dance was good, spirit week, pod wars, swishmas, parent-teacher interviews were very positive, vermi composting workshop, gr 7 immunizations, SIN workshop by NS works where about 20 families attended, Bryony house donations, Unplugged Canada info for parents is being sent out in updates
- The parking lot situation is a problem. Parents, particularly on the elementary side are putting convenience over safety and the elementary staff on duty are being verbally abused. We are trying to support with that. It was suggested that a visual be sent in the update so it is very clear. Also suggested was to educate the students so they can remind their parents.
- There are currently no scholarship or bursaries opportunities available so we need to contact some businesses about this
- Yearbooks are currently for sale at \$50
- Discipline data review - educating students about minor vs unacceptable incidents, students are reporting, teachers are referring, data up to Nov. 26 indicates 239 unacceptable incidents mostly for disruptive behavior or insubordination. (56 hallways, 216 classrooms) 40% are in the afternoon. We have been having TST meetings with teams of teachers to ensure consistency.
- SSP math report - grade 10 math data is strong. Our gr 10 academic math cohort is more willing to attempt spicy question. Only 17/135 are below 65%. Among our ANS students, only 1 is below 65%. No indigenous reported in this cohort.
 - Gr 8 data from last reporting period. EAL students have been identified as a concern in math. 21/164 achieved below 75% on report card

Student's Report - Farrah reported the kids were enjoying the window decorating. The travelling register seems to be helping with the amount of kids in the hall. The washrooms are dirty and need to be cleaned more often. Seminole reported when they were cleaning up garbage it was a concern, especially packaging from school lunches,

Meeting ended - 7:00 pm

Next Meeting - Feb 12, 2026