

SAC Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2026

Next meeting - Feb 4, 2026

Attendees:

- Carly MacNaughton
- Rebecca Sharkey
- Eleanor Sperry
- Jennifer McManus
- **Honorary Member:** Billy Gillis/Billy.Gillis@halifax.ca

Absent

Bryan Reindhart, Gillian Fougere, James Ingram
Larissa Williams

School Enrollment: 218

Building Security:

Directive came from Steve Gallagher at the end of November reminding schools that all doors have to be locked at all times. Students have been entering through the front door in the morning– this has been going well

Safe Schools Strategy:

EmilieTsirigotis held a town hall with students at the end of November to see how they were feeling about the matrix

- 9/11 students felt that there was an adult in the school they felt comfortable talking to
- Students reported that they felt the Matrix had helped the class but they were not able to elaborate on how
- “People aren’t being as silly when we are trying to learn” “People are behaving better”
- “Students are still being silly” “Things are getting broken” “Fidgets are getting destroyed”
- Students were asked if they feel as though

A) Students know the matrix and don’t care or

B) They do not know the matrix

*All students voted that they feel that students don’t know the matrix

- Is the hallway a problem area? 10/11
- Is the bathroom a problem? 7/11
- Is the lunchroom a problem? 10/11

Students were struggling to use the matrix independently – a more student friendly version was created and will be placed around the school for easy access.

The new matrix is being shared with students during Google Meet announcements and teachers will also be reviewing them.

Equity Team:

Otis Daye (Equity Consultant) & Jeff MacDonald (School Counsellor Lead) came to Caudle to work with our Diversity Lead Team (Lexi MacKay, Michelle Zinck, Sam Scallion, Jenn Imlay, Eleanor). They did some work with staff about the Code of Conduct and incidents surrounding Equity.. Jeff led a session on Trauma Informed Practice. The lead team will meet to plan PD sessions for staff in the near future.

Learning Center:

We have had visits from the Student Services team to support various students. We were given an additional 0.8 EPA until the end of the year.

SSP:

Cycle 1 is complete. Reading and writing continue to be areas of challenge for students with many students not yet at grade level. Overall, more students are at the benchmark in Math. We will be collecting Literacy Data again at the end of January.

New ELST (Andrea Ward) started Jan 5th. 50% CPES. Assessments will be taking place in grades P-2 to determine who needs support.

Math Coach (Tina Egan) has been working at Caudle. She worked with P Nippard, P/1 MacKay and $\frac{3}{4}$ Kelly 1st term. The coaching model has shifted to include coaching and Tier 2 instruction. She will be working with 4/5 Whitlock/Wheeler and 5 Fougere 2nd term with a focus on computational fluency.

December Events:

Report Cards/ Parent Teacher

Holiday Concerts

Front Row Seat Raffle \$276

Caudle Co-op \$1312.75

Grade 5 Entrepreneurship \$1346.75

Upcoming Events:

Family Literacy Day

New Business:

Road Safety

SAC Conference Update was shared by Rebecca Sharkey. Please ask her or Martha for details, if interested.

PTA:

Front Row Seat Raffle \$276

Caudle Co-op \$1312.75

Grade 5 Entrepreneurship \$1346.75

New Business:

LC is looking for sensory station items (teachers will put together a wish list)

We still have the \$1500 donation from Billi Gillis to use for the gaga pit.

End of Principal's Report.

Safe School Strategies

- Rebecca suggested we have the Matrix posters printed in a larger size so they are more visible. Carly wondered if we could add some visuals for the younger students.
- School will make a visual for acceptable voice volumes.

Equity Team

- SAC members wondered if we are getting an ANS Support Worker or an Indigenous Support Worker. Administrators indicated it is not currently likely.

SSP - 1st Cycle of Short Cycle Goals

- The Equity Team is up and running. We have been allotted subs so teachers can have a full day's training. Focus will be on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Trauma informed Practices.

Gaga Pit

- Billy was told by Jeff Sparrows and Chris Poole (supervisor of Parks and Playgrounds) to send the request for the Gaga Pit.

Snow Covered Paths

- The paths at Pope and Chandler are not being salted or cared for. Billy said HRCE had agreed to hire a contractor for the maintenance. He forwarded the email where they agreed to clear their portion of the paths every winter. Admin will forward this on to HRCE to confirm they will continue to clear the paths this year.

Road Safety

- We will start to put pylons out on the road so cars cannot park against the sidewalk.
- Admin will also send an email

Drums for Music Class have been approved. Mrs. Smeltzer will order them and the school will pay for them until the budget comes in.

Finance

- SAC has approved \$500 for the learning Centre
- \$400 was promised to Gillian for repayment of the language arts program the grades 3 to 5 are using.
- SAC will cover 5 classrooms for rolling anchor charts/whiteboards.