

SJAM SAC Meeting Minutes April 15 2025

In Attendance: Ben Stone, Jamesie Coolican, Ivy Ho, Cheyanne Gorman-Tolliver, Janessa Williams, Katie Mott, Brenda McNutt, Anita Richards, Claire Swinamer, Amanda Meisner, Raquel Fletcher

Regrets: Jalana Lewis

Approval of March minutes and April agenda.

SJAM2- School Life- April 15, 2025

Literacy, Math & Well Being:

In Literacy, HRCE pulled our data near the end of March with the following results from 122/170 students in grade Primary-Two in both English and French Immersion Programs.

Grade Primary	Grade 1	Grade 2	Overall % Meeting
73.6%	72.6%	69.1%	71.8%

In Math, we are so excited at the results of our Math Support Teacher, Ms. Deware who supports students in grades two for this term.

*15 students received support (9 English Program/6 French Immersion)

*2 students will be assessed end of June; 13 students were assessed at the beginning of April. Of the 13 students assessed:

*6 are now at grade level in Representing & Partitioning Numbers & Place

Value *6 students increased by 1 term

*3 students increased by 2 terms

*2 students increased by 3 terms

*2 students made no progress on assessment

Next month, desegregated data will be presented for P-6 students in Literacy and Math.

For Well Being, we'd like to create an SJAM Crochets Club in facilitated by our School Counsellor, Angela Hauser. This is to enhance the opportunities for students to have safe spaces where they can have conversations with a trusting adult. This also gives Administration the opportunity to be aware of any challenges students may be facing so we can work together as a school team to address.

Finally, on April 30th during our PD Day Katie will facilitate staff in our Cycle 2 Reflection and Cycle 3 focus for our SSP (School Success Plan).

Financial Request: To help facilitate Ms. Hauser's club we are making a financial request to SAC in the amount of \$ 500 for materials and supplies under our Well Being Goal.

Current school site update:

We are planning to have a whole school yard clean up for Earth Day led by our Green Team. We've reached out to HRCE for a lend of some rakes and outdoor brooms and unfortunately it is not something they have on site. Therefore, before we purchase with school funds, we are asking the SAC to help us check around to see if families may be willing to lend us some tools for the day. With the snow melted away there is lots of debris around our yard that needs attention.

New school update:

We've been in the building! There is still lots of work to be done but the excitement is set in! We will be going for another visit in May so stay tuned! In the meantime, tenders have gone out for office and classroom furniture, companies were chosen and Cheyanne and Katie have ordered all office and classroom furniture. Next up, we received the ordering lists for equipment for Music, Phys. Ed, Learning Centre, and Art. They are due on April 30th for ordering. We have also met with the IT team and all building/classroom technology equipment is ordered.

Bussing update:

On April 30th for Professional Development Day Cheyanne will be leading all staff through the new Safe School Strategy leading up to the new Provincial Code of Conduct. We have requested, that since the bus is an extension of school that bus drivers and bus monitors be in attendance. It is not possible; however, they have offered that HRCE Transportation Team will be in attendance and then work with STC to deliver the messages and action steps.

Staffing update:

Unfortunately, we have another staff member who is out on IOD (Injury on Duty) and we will try to fill the position with a substitute. Also, we have gained Dwayne Slobodnick (Mr. S) who is a Math Coach who is working directly with three teachers/classrooms for the next six weeks. He will also be supporting SJAM for any staff learning session we have.

Food Program at SJAM:

Nothing to report.

School Activities:

Field trips continue with classes going to Wonderneath, Halifax Public Library, AGNS. We've had guests in for Phys. Ed teaching lacrosse and Therrien-Go Duo (cello & pianist) in classrooms. Term 2 Report Card were distributed, and we had a successful Progress Conference Day/evening with many teachers holding meeting at the Mulgrave Caring and Learning Centre. We also held our Community Social Fundraiser event. HSA will review the results at their April meeting, and we can have those notes for the May meeting. Mme. North

has started Running Club for grades 3-6, Mme. Meisner continues facilitating Chess Club Mondays and DND Tuesdays.

The Home & School Association hosted another great event for SJAM; the Community Social & Auction. Final numbers are not in yet but will be reported next month. Huge thank you to Erin Galliot our HSA Chair, and the members of the planning committee.

Upcoming Events: SJAM Clean Up Day, DAL/SJAM Day, Spring Concert, Black Excellence Week, Teacher Appreciation Week, Community Tile Day, Spring Fair, SJAMBoree, Grade 6 Closing Ceremonies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheyanne Tolliver & Katie Mott

SAC Membership Development: There are 2 spots open for either community members or parents. Ben Stone will be stepping down in June, so we will need a new Chair for September.

HRCE Diversity: Lisa McNeil has been hired, the diversity letter has been received and Lisa's supervisor will be responding.

Ben shared a draft of the letter to HRCE, highlighting the importance of communication. A few suggestions were made. Cheyanne and Katie will review the final draft before it is sent.

Innovation Grants: no news

Spring Fair is May 31st.

Either May or June, Cheyanne is requesting an in-person SAC meeting. She will ask Colleen (S-LP) to present literacy data. Cheyanne would also like to get feedback from SAC on the school vision, mission, classroom norms, and expectations, as well as how to get feedback from parents.

Next Meeting will be at Needham: Ben will send a survey to finalize the date.