

School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

March 10, 2026

General Updates

- Term ends March 13, 2026.
- Mme Deveau will begin maternity leave early on March 13, 2026.
- Basketball season concluded in February. Wrestling team won the Provincial Championship. Badminton and Rugby seasons are beginning.
- Lunch activities include Art, Chess, Intramurals, Wrestling, Aquarium Club, Student Leadership, and Sign Club.
- Bake sale held to raise funds for the Black Educators Association.
- School activities included Skating, Swing, and Dance.
- Pi Competition held.
- Math tutoring group starting Tuesdays after school with high school student support, focusing on Grade 8 math.
- Secret Spirit Week held.
- African Heritage Quiz held school-wide with approximately 250 participants.
- Daneesha Provo Assembly held.

Daneesha Provo Assembly Summary

Daneesha Provo was invited to speak about her accomplishments as a young, Black entrepreneur. She shared her journey of achieving her goals and overcoming challenges. She highlighted that her recent signing with Nike was not only due to her athletic ability but also her character. She emphasized the importance of kindness, strong character, and perseverance. Her message encouraged students to work hard, pursue their dreams, and strive to be their best selves. The presentation was highly engaging and inspiring, showcasing Black excellence in Nova Scotia.

SSP Update

Math

- Teachers are focusing on word problem strategies using the CUBES method.
- Circle key words.
- Underline the question.
- Box key numbers.
- Eliminate extra information.
- Provide solution with calculations or diagrams.
- Pre and post surveys were used to measure changes in student attitudes toward solving word problems.
- Math coach Erika Swinamer supported teachers in collecting and analyzing data to inform instructional practices.

Literacy

During the second cycle, the focus remains on strengthening the connection between reading and writing. In the first cycle, students explored writing structure and form using appropriate mentor texts. The current focus is on literary techniques such as word choice, sensory language, mood, and tone. Students analyze these techniques through reading and apply them in their own writing.

Funding Requests

Name	Request	Decision
Alex Deveau	iPad for math class	Approved
Holly Leader	Guitar strings and tuners	Approved
Margaret Coffin	Furniture and items for calming space	Approved with conditions

Note: Approval for Margaret Coffin's request is conditional upon painting the area and removal of shelving by operations.

Next Meeting Date

April 21, 2026