



**George Bissett Elementary School  
SAC Meeting  
April 16, 2026**

**Attendance:** Heather Conrad, Kim LeBlanc, Nicole Nascimento, Geoff Salianni, Terra Crowe, River Miller, Jennifer Funke, Ellen MacIssac, Jessica LeBlanc, Peggy Snook

**Regrets:** Tara Henderson, Sylvie Aucoin

**Call Meeting to Order:** 5:07p m

**Land Acknowledgement:** Read by Heather.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Geoff

**Approval of the February meeting summary:** Geoff, seconded by Jennifer

***People Acknowledgement:*** Read by Heather

**Ongoing Business:**

**1. Student Success Plan**

- Heather reviewed the data for literacy, numeracy for terms 1 and 2 at our school. Staff meet every two weeks to review data and make plans for next steps.
- Heather shared our well-being data. As a staff we created two surveys. One for students in P-2, which was pencil/paper and the other was for students in grades 3-6 to be done online. The upper elementary students had one additional question pertaining to teachers asking questions and understanding their culture/personal life.
- Staff have since reviewed and discussed the data, which was helpful for teachers to understand more about students and led to classroom lessons/discussions.

## **New Business:**

### **2. School Safety**

- **Parking lot:** Kim and Heather provided an update on parking lot safety. Kim bought traffic poles to block drivers from coming into the parking lot in the morning/end of the day. Emails were also sent out to the school community. We are starting to see more success and walking students and their families are feeling much safer walking to/from the school.
- **Lockdown and Fire Drills:** The safety drills continue to go well when scheduled throughout the year.
- **School Sign:** We have a quote for \$6500 to fix the sign. We are looking to do a cost share with the city.

### **3. Photo Contract**

- **Paul Adams** will continue to provide the contract with our school. It is up to the SAC to determine the length of the contract, and we decided on a three-year contract.

### **4. Staffing**

- **EPA allocation meeting** took place in late March. School admin as well as Learning Centre teachers discussed the students on the current allotment and students that will be potentially on the allotment for next year.
- **We have received our class configurations** for next year. Currently we will have eight classrooms from P-6, with several combined classes.
- **Recently, we had a student on the Learning Centre caseload** move out of province, and as a result, we had a 50% reduction in our EPA allotment.

### **5. School Outdoor Equipment**

- **Geoff** has been speaking with Trish Purdy and Leah Martin about the lower playground, with regards to the safety of the current equipment and has sent pictures. Geoff is also looking to get another basketball net for the school.

## **6. Special Reports/School Events**

- **Dollars for Donuts: \$ 1888.90 was raised for classroom and school library books from Tattletales. The money is to be spent by Nov. 2026 GBES collected \$1453.00 + bonus factor X 1.30 = 1888.90**
- **4/5, 5/6, 6 trip to the Oval went well, students really enjoyed it.**
- **Gr. 6 debates took place recently, with various staff members participating as judges.**
- **International Women's Day – Dance in the gym for all female identifying students and staff members at lunch. Everyone enjoyed it!**
- **African Heritage Assembly with special guest Kirk Johnson answering questions from students.**
- **Neptune Theatre performance for grades PP-6. This was a cost share between Halifax Regional Arts and the school.**
- **Gr. 6 students moving on to SRB: 11 students will move on into BAND, and 12 students will move on into French Immersion.**

## **7. AOB**

- **School Riches Activity updates: looking to find people in the community to have various trades. Kim will put a note in her weekly memos to staff.**
- **Head Lice: Guidelines and PH Pamphlet has been sent home and will continue to be sent as a weekly reminder**

## **8. SAC Funding:**

- **School Supplies - \$3000 will be applied to purchase school supplies for September**
- **\$2800 remaining – will be applied to purchasing outdoor play toys and a small budget to Specialist Teachers to purchase resources**

## **9. Meeting Adjourned: 6:16pm**

## **10. Next meeting: May 21 at 5:00pm**