



**George Bissett Elementary School
SAC Agenda
May 21, 2026**

1. **Attendance:** Kim LeBlanc, Heather Conrad, Geoff Salani, River Miller, Jennifer Funke, Tarah Henderson, Peggy Snook, Sylvie Aucoin

Regrets: Terra Crowe

1. **Call Meeting to Order 5:03**

2. **Land Acknowledgement : Read by Kim**

We acknowledge that we live, learn and play on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. We enjoy hiking, swimming and camping on this land. We promise to protect the land by not littering and keeping the plants and animals safe. We commit to learning more about Mi'kmaq culture and respecting the treaties of peace and friendship that cover this territory. We pay our respect to the Mi'kmaw People and recognize that in Nova Scotia we are all Treaty People.

3. **Approval of the Agenda: River with Tarah seconded.**

4. **Approval of the April meeting summary: Geoff.**

5. **People Acknowledgement : Read by Heather**

We recognize that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose histories, legacies and contributions have enriched Mi'kma'ki for over 400 years. We recognize, despite these histories and legacies, our Black community and learners continue to face inequities and injustices that we (educators) are responsible for actively taking steps to correct. -Ashe

Ongoing Business:

6. **Student Success Plan: Deep Dive monitoring of students who identify as ANS, IND and BOTH.**

A spreadsheet has been shared for teachers to fill out data for students who identify as African Nova Scotian, Indigenous or both. Teachers are to record their progress in

reading, math and writing. This form will allow us as a staff to decide next steps in supporting our students.

New Business:

7. Photo Contract

- Paul Adams Photography has accepted our 3-year agreement. Will get back to me to coordinate the dates

8. Staffing

- **Notice of Assignments have been given out. With the teaching job posting round, our school counsellor position has not yet been filled and will be posted again in the next round.**
- **Classroom changes to support Well-being goal – Intrapersonal skills to support Interpersonal skills**

9. Special Reports/School Events

- **GBES Basketball Team – Tournament April 17-19 – placed 1st in their division**
- **Earth Day – Apr. 22 – GBES Yard Clean up with our Buddies**
- **Gr. 6 Transition Meeting and BINGO! – April 28**
- **Music Therapy for some students connected to the LC has started on Fridays and is going well.**
- **DFC Soccer took place on - May 8**
- **Mi'kmaw Language Day – May 11**
- **Black Excellence Career Fair – May 12**
- **Gr. 3 Provincial RWM Assessment**
- **Moosehide Day – May 14-staff wore pins**
- **Black Excellence Day and Variety Show –May 15. Many people have commented on the display done by our grade six students celebrating the black students in our school.**
The Variety show was a huge success this year, and Ms.Middleton and Mr.Pendlebury did a great job organizing.

10. AOB

- Jessica has noticed that our school website has not been updated with recent meeting minutes, admin to update.**

-River mentioned that while many trees/bushes planted last fall are still standing, there are several that have not survived. Discussion of developing a volunteer plant/garden boxes committee.

Geoff-has contacted the city regarding the unsafe playground equipment. They have replaced a pole, however it is still not working properly. He will be talking with Trish Pardy tomorrow and has reached out to Leah Martin. He has also brought up the fact that the asphalt in the back of the school is not safe nor is it wheelchair accessible in that part of the field.

6:05 meeting adjourned. On June 18th, we will be meeting as a group at the Palladium restaurant at 5pm for our year end dinner.