George Bissett Elementary School
SAC Agenda
October 1, 2026

Attendance: Sylvie Aucoin, Heather Conrad, Terra Crowe, Jennifer Funke, Parwinder Kaur, Jessica LeBlanc, Kim LeBlanc, Amy Oppong, Kayla Ross, Geoff Saliani, Peggy Snook and Dan Tucker

Regrets: **N/A**

1. **Call Meeting to order : 5:03 pm**

2. **Land Acknowledgement:**
   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. **read by Geoff Saliani**

3. **Approval of last meeting summary (May 21)**

4. **People Acknowledgement**
   We recognize that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose histories, legacies and contributions have enriched Mi'kma'ki for over 400 years in 52 Black communities across NS. 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
   Read by Terra Crowe

5. **Approval of Agenda -Jessica requested adding Excel to the agenda. Approved by Terra and Sylvia.**

6. **Business arising from the May meeting**

   Staffing

   - **Gr. 1/2 Classroom has a guest teacher: Jessica Fernando**
   - **Elementary Literacy Support Teacher is Amy Oppong**
   - **Music Teacher is John Osterberg**

Geoff followed up with a discussion of funding for our school grounds and playground equipment. He is in communication with the city regarding the pathways and asphalt.

7. **Membership Terms of service as Per the By-laws.**

   Kim explained the following roles and responsibilities of each person.

Terms of service for each representative group are the following:

- Parents/guardians are elected for a term of two years. Parents/guardians elected or appointed to fill a vacancy are elected or appointed for the remainder of the term.
- Teachers and support staff are elected/chosen from their respective group for a term of one year. Teachers and support staff elected or appointed to fill a vacancy are elected or appointed for the remainder of the term.
- Community members are appointed for a term of two years. Community members appointed to fill a vacancy are appointed for the remainder of the term.
- All members can re-offer for election or appointment to the SAC at the end of their term, to a maximum of three consecutive terms.
- A council member elected to an executive position may serve in that position for a maximum of two consecutive one-year terms.
- The principal position is permanent.

Kayla Ross was added to the SAC committee.

8. **Student Success Plan**

Staff meet regularly at staff meetings and on PD to discuss our SSP plan.

Literacy: To improve student achievement in writing organization

- **Instructional Strategy: Teacher Clarity (Plan, organize, write, reread and revise)**
- **By end of cycle 1 students will be able to:**

- **identify what they want to communicate before they begin writing**

- use a planning strategy to organize ideas
- group ideas that belong together
- sequence ideas logically
- write with a clear beginning, middle, and ending when appropriate
- use transition words/phrases to connect ideas
- reread their writing and make changes to improve organization

  ** Grades Primary and 1, criteria will focus on organizing thoughts, pictures, oral language, and early written ideas so that the message can be understood.

9. **Special Reports/School Events**
   - Staff Professional Learning (Safe Schools Strategy
   - Safety Drills (fire drill, lockdown drill, Hold and Secure tomorrow)
   - Truth and Reconciliation assembly
   - Terry Fox Ambassador assembly
   - Terry Fox Walk – following the relocation route to Colonel John Stuart

10. **PTO update**
    -many events are coming up. Sign ups will be going out to help.

11. **AOB**
    Meeting dates are to be determined soon for the remainder of the year. Geoff will meet with Kim and Heather to discuss, and they will email the committee.

    Jessica brought up some recent concerns that parents have had with Excel. Many Excel staff have been out sick recently, and subs have been pulled in from other schools. Things have since returned to normal. Families are looking for information from the program leaders. Kim will reach out to the Leader.

12. **Adjournment:** 6:10pm