

St. Agnes Jr. High School Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 5, 2025

Attending:

Chair - Trisha Estabrooks
Secretary - Cathy Chiasson
Principal - Nancy Martin
Community Rep - Ian Shawcross
Parent Rep – Jess Newman
Community Rep- Ann Giffin
Staff Rep - Rhonda McLean
Staff Rep - Peter Ryan

Regrets:

Vice Chair - Paula MacPherson
Parent Rep - Madelaine Rose Harris
Vice Principal - Sara Bonin

Minutes

1. Welcome & call to order at 11:45am

2. Principal's Report

- **June - Pride month**
 - i. The school is celebrating Pride Month with a mural created by students, inspired by a previous initiative at Bayview.
 - ii. A bake sale and craft sale is scheduled for June 9th, with proceeds going to the Youth Project, which supports local youth.
- **ARTASTIC Projects**
 - i. Colin Briggs, an indigenous artist, is collaborating with students on a bench project that emphasizes cultural significance.
 - ii. The art club has been engaging in various creative activities, culminating in a summer-themed project where students designed cotton beach bags.
- **SAC Grant Requests**
 - i. Grant money went to moving costs for school furniture, art supplies, learning center supplies, cricut heat press, 3D Printer, and a laser engraver
- **Student Success Planning**
 - i. The end-of-year reflections on literacy, math, and wellness will guide the student success plan for the next year.
 - ii. Students expressed a desire for more involvement in self-regulation and peer support strategies, indicating a cultural shift towards active participation.
- **Guidance**
 - i. Many exciting initiatives discussed including, catapult camp, techsploration team, Citadel High's O2 (Options & Opportunities) program.
 - ii. Grade 6 orientation will be handled by grade 9 students this year. Mr. Ryan to Supervise.

- iii. Ms. McLean to retire the end of this year (Happy Retirement, Rhonda!!). Stephanie Hughes will join SAJH as new School Councilor next year.

- **Sports and Clubs**

- i. The track and field season was highly successful, with 78 students participating and multiple athletes advancing to provincial championships.
- ii. The SAJH team brought back two provincial banners, with remarkable group and individual achievements.
- iii. The community's excitement around the track program is growing, with more students expressing interest in joining next year.

3. Staffing

- Several teaching positions are being filled, including a new resource teacher and a core French position that remains unfilled.
- New staff members are being welcomed, including a teacher with administrative experience and another with a strong background in math and science.
- The school is undergoing a transition year with a focus on rebuilding and maintaining a supportive environment for students.

4. Bus Stop Safety Concerns

- A recent incident at the bus stop raised concerns, prompting discussions about the bus stop's location.
- Officials suggested relocating the bus stop from East Perimeter Road to Mumford Road.
- The proposed bus stop on Mumford Road is located near a busy intersection, raising safety concerns for children crossing the road.
- The SAC recommended to keep the bus stop in its current location after discussing the safety implications and traffic patterns.

5. Student Fees

- Based on past expenditures on student events/products (including spirit building, presentations, and field trips) – proposal for charging a \$20.00 student fee next year. 351 students will generate approx. \$7020 in revenue to help cover these costs. SAC approved the proposed fees to be presented to the school supervisor.

6. SAC Committee – 2026-2026 School Year

- Trisha will be leaving her position as Chair, and Jess has kindly agreed to assume this position next year. Confirmation that Cathy, Ann, and Ian will continue committee participation next year.
- For any regrets to today's meeting – please let Nancy or Trish know if you would like to continue next year.

7. Adjournment @ 12:55pm

Next Meeting: Fall 2025 - date TBD