

St. Agnes Jr. High School
School Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 12, 2025

Attending

- **Chair:** Jessica Newman
- **Principal:** Nancy Martin
- **Vice-Principal:** Sara Bonin
- **Secretary:** Cathy Chiasson
- **Staff Representative:** Peter Ryan
- **Staff Representative:** Cierra Thomas
- **Community Representative:** Ian Shawcross
- **Community Representative:** Ann Giffin
- **Parent Representatives:** Corinne Strangward
- **Parent Representative:** Tara Wight
- **Student Representative:** Julia Brooks
- **Student Representative:** Malaya Khoury

Regrets

- **Parent Representative:** Joana Cardoso
- **Vice Chair:** Allana Mills

Minutes

1. Welcome & Call to Order – 11:45 a.m.

- Roundtable introductions

2. Student Council Update

- Malaya/Julia provided update – student council has been busy planning and organizing various events including - Remembrance Day ceremony, Valentines Day candy grams, photo booth, pink and red day. Upcoming events include school spirit week, school scavenger hunt, dodgeball event, student council videos.

3. Principal's Report

i. Incident – Week of March 2nd

- The injured student is recovering well and is preparing for a gradual return to class.
- The crisis response plan was implemented effectively.

ii. Holiday Villages

- Event was a big success – 901, 803, and 705 were the overall homeroom winners for each grade.

iii. Spirit Day Game

- Spirit day was Jan 30th – Male and female identifying volleyball teams played each other followed by a staff vs student game.

iv. African Nova Scotia History Month

- Daneesha Provo, founder of the Daneesha Provo Canadian Basketball Academy delivered two one-hour presentations to the student body on Feb 9th.

v. African Nova Scotian Educational Framework

- Staff engaged in a focused learning and reflection centered on the African Nova Scotian Educational Framework and its five pillars.

vi. Equity Team/T-Shirts

- Equity Team worked together to design and create team t-shirts. The shirts reflect the values of the “we’re not that type of school” initiative, which promotes respect, inclusion, and a positive school climate.

vii. Talent Shows

- Student staff talent show was held on March 6th. 14 acts were held in total and a ton of fun was had by all!

vii. Grant Spending

- Received \$5k plus \$1 for each student in initial funding. Many valuable purchases have been made to date. \$2434.19 remaining which will be spent for addition items to support student learning.

vii. Guidance News and School Presentations – get AI

- Grade nine students have selected their high school courses with individual guidance from Ms. Hughes.
- Efforts are underway to bring an RCMP speaker, who works with a survivor of human trafficking, to educate students. The initiative aims to address the high incidence of human trafficking in the area with age-appropriate content.

viii. Sports and Clubs

- Male and Female identifying basketball teams recently completed their seasons. Male team was undefeated with only one loss to Graham Crichton Jr High in semifinals. Female identifying team also saw great success with many games finishing with extremely close margins.
- Badminton team will begin tournaments after March break.
- Robotics Club – participated in a competition Feb 8th at Acadia – students placed 7th out of 30 teams.
- Board games club meets every lunch hour in Ms. Wiggett’s classroom.
- Dungeons & Dragons Club meets weekly with separate beginner and experienced groups.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Thursday, May 7

Thursday, June 4