

BAY VIEW HIGH SCHOOL - SAC

School Name: Bay View High School

Meeting Date: October 15, 2023 @ 6:03 PM – virtually via Google Meet

PRESIDING OFFICER: Daniel Bourque

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- Daniel Bourque called the meeting to order at **6:03 PM**

2. ROLL CALL

SAC Members (7 or 50% +1 needed for Quorum, with one representative from each group)

	Partner	Name	On since	Roll off	Term
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Principal (non-voting)	Dunovan Kalberlah	2021	NEVER!	∞
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Designate VP (nv)	Ryan Connors	2019	NEVER!	∞
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Designate VP (nv)	Cheryl Conrad	2018	NEVER!	∞
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parent	Daniel Bourque – SAC Secretary	2022-07	2025-06	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parent	Jada Moshett-Crawford	2021-07	2024-06	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parent	Claire Smith	2022-09	2005-08	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teacher	Leah Sieniewicz	2022-07	2024-06	2
	Support Staff	Jane Aguinaga	TBC	TBC	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Support Staff	Shawna Wright	TBC	TBC	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comm Member				2
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Student	Leila Sobey-Skinner – Student Council Chair	2023-07		?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Student	V Smith - Student Council			?

**NOTE: Roster does not currently include Vice-Chair.*

***NOTE: Quorum not officially met due to having no community members present, as well as no support staff.*

Guests

RELATIONSHIP TO SAC	NAME
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parent X	Stacey Young Bragg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parent X	Amber Collins-Grimmer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guest	Wendy Portia

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Daniel read through the agenda.
- All were in favor of the agenda as revised.

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Stacey Moved, Daniel Seconded. Minutes approved as presented.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Daniel B asked if we could request modification to the SAC Agreement, as we have issues with meeting quorum (notably for community members).
 - Dunovan K has asked the HRCE administration about this, and was told that the composition and agreement is uniform across the province, so it is unlikely that we could create our own unique SAC Agreement. However, he noted that we can follow the protocol with what exists. i.e. if there are no community members coming forward to join the SAC, then we cannot be held in default of meeting quorum if that component of the SAC is not available in our community/school.

- African Nova Scotian (ANS) Mural Presentation – Shawna Wright

Wendy shared a Google slide on her proposed plan including her thoughts on the art (proposed idea, sample of work), timeline, and budget:

“Bayview High African Nova Scotia Panel Art Project” The idea will be to have 5 panels which will be a scene encompassing cultural and historical elements of Black communities throughout NS with elements from communities in Beechville and Upper Hammonds Plains (honoring the two Black communities that feed into our school)

In brief, some of the key elements of this work will include the following:

- Wendy will work with India Ink; the imagery will be symbolic and use bright colors (using color and form and symbolism);
- Wendy shared examples of her work: panels combine to tell a continuous story moving from beginning (arrival in NS) settlement, farming, family and faith, church. The story moves towards youth and their future being bright
- The finished product will be vinyl wrapped panels
- The cost will be a one-time fee of \$5000 to print and display the work. This fee includes the cost of artist fee, supplies and installation, and a launch date presentation by artist (project all-in for \$5000; tax included)

- Dunovan and Daniel asked questions (about total fee: is it and all-in price; confirming that plan is to move from past to present/future; is there an opportunity for us to vet the design before it is finalized)
- Wendy will keep in close contact with Dunovan and Shawna throughout the process; The students will see it before it goes up
- Wendy will have a final draft ready by the end of November

- Daniel moved that we move forward with the project and spend the money that was earmarked for it last year. Stacey and Leah seconded. No one abstained. Unanimous. All in favor. Approved.

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- Voting for SAC roles 2023-2024 – Parent positions, Community Positions, Staff Positions?
 - Daniel reviewed the bylaws around the structure of SAC to ensure that we are able to meet quorum.
 - It was noted that we need to revise the official name of the SAC (it is still listed as ‘Sir John A’)
 - It was also noted that, for voting purposes, the decisions of the SAC are made by consensus, where possible
 - Daniel clarified the names and dates of the people who joined the SAC and when (so as to determine length of stay/service)
 - Members talked about the SJA/Bayview name-change name and talked about the need to meet quorum
 - At our next meeting we will have a motion to change this
- Review of SAC Bylaws – notice of Motion for November meeting.
 - Daniel will send out a copy of the bylaws for members to review

6. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (6:50pm)

- Student Success Plan summary report

The 3 main areas of focus for our school are: Math; Literacy; and Overall Wellness of school community

The province collected data, plus anecdotal information was gathered from staff and students (including an in-house survey complete by the kids) in an effort to ascertain how successful we are doing as a school in these three categories

 - 62% of the school population filled out provincial survey
 - Dunovan is thinking of using a prize to incent more kids to participate in filling in the survey
 - With respect to ‘Wellness’: students have an issue re: feeling safe in the washroom (this came out in provincial data and in-house survey done by the sociology class) Some of the challenges include the fact that the students are a large group and there are often more bodies than stalls in the washroom; Some students as opting to walk to the plaza to go to the washroom.
 - Going forward: if a student(s) is caught hanging out and vaping in the washroom, the school’s response will be ‘Code of Conduct’. Effective immediately, Code of Conduct would imply that the student(s) would get a warning; parent communication, and disciplinary action as indicated.
- Leah asked a question about the structural design of the washroom (i.e. what is the possibility of having an alcove as opposed to a door) . Dunovan indicated that this is not an option for a gendered washroom (and our school building has no option to have a non-gendered washroom in lieu).

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- Daniel asked a question: Can we install vape detectors in washrooms? Dunovan indicated that this would be cost prohibitive. This is an initiative being piloted in some schools, however Bayview is not one of the chosen pilot sites
- Ryan commented: Even if a detector was there, school administration would not be there in time to catch a student vaping/using/selling in the act
- Daniel asked the question: How can the SAC help give the school/administration the tools (money) that could help the school reach these goals

- Peer Tutors - up and running
 - The training day was last Wednesday and was organized by the school librarian. There is now a roster of teacher-recommended, strong students looking for volunteer hours that are available to tutor students in various subjects

- Jack.org - up and running
 - The Youth Health Centre coordinator will be getting this going again with librarian

- Library Guinea Pigs naming contest
 - Someone donated guinea pigs to the school. The students love it (and are happily looking for names and crafting shark fins for them).

- Bathroom issue response
 - already discussed (see earlier notes)

- Successful Italy Trip (Ryan Connors)
 - The group who went to Italy just got back Sunday morning. Ryan reported that they were a spectacular group of 45 students, 7 chaperones, who all had an amazing 9 nights and 10 days visiting Rome, Assisi, Florence, and Venice. The students were phenomenal and represented the school and community very well. There was lots of education, learning, and adventures in this overall great trip.

- Other:
 - Dunovan reported that, near the end of this year, students will start fundraising once again (they are planning one 'working trip', as well as a Europe trip). Dunovan indicated that it is not ideal to have two school trips fundraising at the exact same time, but he will allow a bit of overlap.

7. FINANCE

- We still have money set aside (\$5067.91) from last year. This money was reserved for the ANS Mural in the foyer. The SAC voted to spend \$5000 on the mural this year.

- We are anticipating a budget of \$6,028 for SAC use this year (\$5,000 + \$1/student). This year, the requests will likely be for people/time (as in the past)

8. SPECIAL REPORTS OR PRESENTATIONS

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a. Student Council's Report – Leila Sobey-Skinner

- Movie night: last Friday the 13th. This event well, and ran without issue
- Football canteen & Popcorn Fridays - both on hold because the popcorn machine is broken
- Holiday Craft show Dec 9th
- Halloween dance next Thursday (26th)
- Costume contest on Halloween Day
- MADD presentation in November
- Spirit Week next week (Oct. 23- 27)

9. OTHER/VARIOUS

- Claire asked a question: To address the washroom issue: Would it be an option to consider implementing a “Prefect” system in the washroom (whereby the school would use Grade 12 students as washroom supervisors)? They would earn volunteer hours and/or recommendation from staff in exchange for volunteering to supervise the washrooms during breaks. Dunovan believes that the use of students to monitor/ supervise would not be approved by HRCE at this time. He will inquire further.

10. NEXT MEETINGS/ADJOURNMENT

- Daniel moved for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:22pm
- Next meeting dates:
 - Nov 15 (Wed.) – 6:30 PM. Hybrid meeting. Allow for 1h (in person but allow others to join virtually if they can't make it). Dunovan asked that each SAC member respond to Daniel directly indicating whether or not they would be available on this date in person or if they will join virtually
 - Feb 12 (Mon.) – 6:00 PM. Virtual meeting. Allow for 1h
 - April 3 (Wed.) – 6:30 PM. Virtual meeting. Allow for 1h
 - May 6 (Mon.) – 6:00 PM. In person Potluck meeting. Allow for 1.5h.

Recording Secretary: Stacey Young Bragg