

SAC Meeting Minutes: Oct 20, 2025

Present:

Julie Clarke - Chair
Jillian Sabadash - Principal
Mary Middleton - Vice Principal
Adele Badcock - Teacher
Sherry Fraser - Parent
Lindsay Webber - Parent
Peggy Domenie - Parent

Absent:

Mandy Smith
Kenny O'Brien
Abyl: Student Representative
Alicia: Student Representative

Old Business:

Cross Walk - SAC has been trying for many years to get a crosswalk put in for students to safely cross at the end of the day to go to the Metro Transit stop. The city is currently doing an assessment. Brendan McGuire and Patti Cuttall are involved.

New Business:

Our new modular was put in over the summer to accommodate growing enrollment. It is a pilot with two classrooms and a wide hallway but no bathroom. A swipe card security system is in the process of being installed so that students can safely and efficiently get in and out of the modular and the school.

Principal's Report:

Enrollment and Configuration - we are up by over 40 students from where we were at the end of last year when initial staffing was assigned for the school. We have two classes sitting at one student over the cap. Staff agreed to teach over cap to keep the consistency for students. SAC approved this in late September.

Communication: School is going to move to one newsletter per term. We will continue to communicate with Powerschool Messenger, weekly news, website, X, and website calendars

Bussing - Bus behavior has been a challenge this year. Administration have gone class to class giving bus talks. School will be providing a photo manifest to each bus to assist drivers in identifying students. Discussion was held around the possibility of getting bus monitors or camera systems on each bus.

RWM8 results - Cunard students did very well on the RWM8s last year and have seen marked improvement in many areas. Scores were increased 28% in Math, Reading and Writing!

Hallway Contest - we had many entries for the name the hallway contest and will be announcing winners this week.

Friday Grind - This is a project taken on by our Learning Centre. They are selling coffee and cookies to staff one Friday a month. This project is a great way to incorporate life skill learning and curriculum. Students work on budgeting, writing proposals for equipment and supplies, engage in discussion and evaluate profit and deficit. We are partnering with McDonalds to supply the creamers and milk and hope to expand to include other things as the year progresses.

Hot Lunches - Hot lunches have rolled out at Cunard this fall. There have been some growing pains in how we are handing the food out with minimal staff able to assist. We have extended our lunch monitor hours for two of our monitors so that they can come in early and label the lunches for the junior highs. Quality of the food has been fair. Some options are well liked by the students and others are not.

Staff Professional Learning: Crew Connects - providing staff with a thought provoking question each Monday and then sharing some of the responses. This has really worked to not only inform admin about what people are thinking and feeling about things in the building but has also provided a great opportunity for staff to collaborate and share ideas.

Terry Fox Run and Assembly - Terry Fox run was organized by Ms. Barnhart again this year and was a great success.

Staff Door Signs creating unity - Door signs went up on classroom doors this year, unifies the look of the building.

Bi-Laws and SAC Agreement - read through the group bi-laws and agreement. Signed by necessary parties.

Upcoming: School Swag Store online should be open the end of this month to allow for ordering and delivery before Christmas.

Cunard's Clipper Book of World Record Challenges - these will be happening in the coming weeks to add a little bit of fun to the day!

New code of conduct - introduced the students to the new guide during opening presentations and talked through how the school has been using it in conjunction with classroom norms and expectations and our school matrix.

It has been a very positive start up and staff and students have a great energy!

Next meeting dates: discussion around meetings possibly moving to virtual. Parent members prefer the in person meeting as conversation tends to be more free flowing. There are a number of staff who live outside of the city and virtual would be easier for them. The students are also better able to attend virtual meetings. It was decided that the January meeting will be virtual for weather reasons and potentially the March one as well.

Nov 17, 2025

Jan 19, 2025

Mar 30, 2025

May 4, 2025

Meeting adjourned - 7:00pm