



# SAC - ESDH

Wednesday, June 15, 2021  
6:30 PM  
ESDH- Virtual meeting  
DRAFT minutes

Attendees: Melanie MacIsaac, Sarah Harnish, Kelly Hale, Natalie Stevens, Carolyn Smith, Taelyn C, Alex J, Sierra H, Sharlene Ellis, Hart Stoffman  
Regrets: Kent Smith

*We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kmaki which is the traditional ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.*

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Welcome

**Approval of minutes** –April 14, 2021 approved as presented

**Admin Update:**

Year end – Decision to move ahead with individual graduation and allowing maximum number of guest. Gym would have Principal, Vice-principal/announcer, Photographer thus groups of up to 7 would be permitted to join each graduate

Thank you – Thank you to all the support; a token of appreciation would be shared at the graduation of parents/guardians on SAC also “graduating”; best wishes to our grad and grade 12 student rep, Taelyn

**SAC Year-end report:**



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## School Advisory Council Annual Report – June 2021

School	Eastern Shore District High
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Please list SAC members including names, membership type (i.e., parent, community member, staff), and role (i.e., Chair, Vice Chair).
Melanie MacIsaac (Chair, parent – GBJH feeder), Sarah Harnish (parent – GBJH feeder), Kelly Hale (parent- OPA feeder), Sierra Hendsbee (ESDH student gr.10), Alex Johnson (ESDH student gr. 11), Taelyn Cargill (ESDH student- co-president)/ Daulton Faulkner (ESDH student- co-president),



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Carolyn Smith (community member/Mi'kmaq voice),  
Kent Smith (community member),  
Hart Stoffman (staff),  
Natalie Stevens (staff),  
Unfilled- Support staff  
Marlene George (non-voting staff),  
Sharlene Ellis (Non-voting, vice principal),  
Jen Murray (Non-voting, principal)

Please describe a summary of work undertaken by the SAC to improve student achievement and school performance.

- The ESDH SAC advocated for community engagement in regards to the proposed new school for Eastern Shore. This included encouraging participation in the community consultation about consolidating Gaetz Brook Junior High and Eastern Shore District High schools. There was also a virtual town hall by the EEDC regarding the site location of the consolidated school that the ESDH SAC advocated engagement from the community.
- The ESDH SAC actioned communications to government about clarity about the process in the site selection and then again about ensuring a review would not delay the timeline for the new school construction.
- The ESDH SAC requested a meeting with the RED along with the GBJH
- The ESDH SAC regularly reviewed the supports in place at ESDH for the Back to School Plan.
- In collaboration with our School Social Worker, the ESDH SAC chair moved forward with a grant request to further support the creation of safe and healthy spaces in the building.
- The ESDH SAC has supported our teachers with grant requests for additional resources for teacher programming as well as financial support for our graduates' graduation gowns.

Please list any significant milestones and success stories that the SAC would like to highlight.

- Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony received positive feedback.



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- Successful January PD allowing teachers to discuss Inclusive Education and also prepare for online learning. There was a focus on supporting learners of all backgrounds.
- Parent Teacher Interviews were successfully done virtually for both semesters.
- Transition planning for future 10's done by student council and delivered virtually to feeder schools.
- Credit Insurance and Credit Recovery continued throughout the year and was met with success. The program serves to ensure that students are given ample opportunity to find success in their high school credits.
- Each student in the building was given the opportunity to have their own personal Chromebook to use both prior to and during the Covid lockdown.
- On-line learning was a successful pivot.
- Graduation plans are moving forward to support individualized celebrations with family guests as per health protocols. The Community is actively planning a prom that can hopefully occur over the summer depending on health protocols.

Please describe any related sub-committee work undertaken by SAC members (e.g., School Options Committee).

**SAC has worked together to discuss needs/ideas for new school while awaiting for the official striking of a School Options Committee. Ideas were as follows:**

- *Science labs to accommodate both junior and senior high*
- *Theater/cafetorium*
- *Ample gym space*
- *Kitchen for students*
- *Water, green space*
- *Lots of outdoor space*
- *Proper placement of sanitary napkins*
- *Paper towel dispensers, air dryers*
- *Comfortable areas with greenery*
- *Color coded walls to match chairs*
- *Avoid harder floors in the gymnasium for high impact sports*
- *Provide space to allow for new and more varied courses*
- *Skilled trades lab*
- *Weight room*
- *Dance room*
- *Make sure budget is appropriate for two schools*



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## Statements of Revenues and Expenditures:

Expenditures supporting the school improvement plan (e.g., providing resources to support math and literacy instruction).

Purchased of scales for science courses - \$403.29  
Purchased of notebooks to encourage journaling - \$215.94  
Purchased supplies to support resource and learning center - \$327.73  
Purchased Mimeo pads to support math - \$1576.19  
Offset graduation costs for gowns - \$2868.85

Expenditures supporting policy development and implementation (e.g., supporting and promoting new policies).

Expenditures covering operational expenses; up to 20 per cent of provincial SAC funding may be used as operational expenses, if necessary, to encourage and support member participation).

## **Business arising:**

- Announcement of new school site – Business/Industrial Park
- Returning members next year – Members selected Kelly Hale, parent of students from OPA feeder as interim SAC Chair to be finalized at first meeting next year

~~Thursday, October 8, 2020~~

~~Wednesday, October 21, 2020~~

~~TBD – 6 meetings per year~~

~~November 25, 2020~~

~~January (cancelled)~~

~~February 17, 2021~~

~~March 31 – Information session with RED~~

~~April 14~~

~~May (Recognition/Thank you Meeting)~~

~~June 14 (re-scheduled May meeting due to Covid Restrictions)~~