

**Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay School
School Advisory Council
April 13, 2026**

Attendance: Katharine Privett, Heidi McKnight-Whitford, Hillary Ripley, Jess Ells, Lisa Robertson, Barb Allen, Carrie McBay, Linda Joyce, Melissa Leblanc, Jane Flinn

Regrets: Nancy Smith

Acting Chair: Jess

1. Call to Order / Approval of Agenda – 6:01pm, motion to approve Barb, 2nd Katharine
We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. The treaties of Peace and Friendship Cover this territory.

2. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes from March 2nd, 2026

- Barb 1st, Melissa 2nd

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

- SAC Purchase Updates
 - Literacy supports approved up to 500, over budget 547.30
 - Math excellence – 111.17 – a bit under budget
 - Pending – not purchased yet is classroom library/novels. Melissa working with library on this
 - Total spent \$4010.89, \$512.79 remaining (minus \$~800 from Library)
 - Melissa showed erasable coloured pencils, used for editing
 - Have been purchased already – 8 packs - \$76.32
 - Approve another 8 packs, motion by Katharine
 - Approve up to \$200, Linda 2nd
- Can parents give books?
 - Not really, want to make sure using most up to date
- Can they be purchased elsewhere?
 - Typically Tattletales – best price/discount

4. Student Success Plan Update

SSP Updates (4-6 week cycle)-Cycle 3 development in progress

Literacy Goal: We will improve student achievement in literacy, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

- The strategy will be for teachers to focus on all parts of the Writer's Workshop model to build communication skills in students to support their ability to express their own understanding and promote learning of their peers.

Math Goal: We will improve student achievement in **mathematics**, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

- The strategy will be for teachers to focus on all parts of the 3 Part Lesson model to build communication skills in students to support their ability to express their own understanding and promote learning of their peers.

Well-Being: We will improve student **well-being**, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

- The strategy will be for teachers to revisit the school matrix to deepen students' understanding of expectations in each area using multidisciplinary modalities to increase engagement.

5. Principal's Report

AMTB Events

April	P-5 Progress Conferences and PP Open House, Rocks & Rings (Curling), Monthly Assembly, Run Club, Grade 4 and 5 Track and Field Try-Outs/Practice, Grade 4 and 5 Talent Show, and Monthly Assembly
Coming Up: May	Grade 4 and 5 Track and Field Practice/Meet (update from Lisa: Tryouts happening for this. So far, kids are loving it!) Grade 4 and 5 Talent Show, Primary Orientation, Primary Parent Information Session, Grade 3 Provincial Assessments, Maritime Marionettes, Monthly Assembly

School Fund Requests

Balance Remaining (last year \$32.68)

Opening Balance: \$5323.68

Total: \$5323.68

Total Spent 2025-2026 as of April 13th: \$4010.89

Budget Remaining 2025-2026: \$1,312.79-minus 3-5 Class Library estimate \$800=\$512.79

Purchasing Requests Pending

- 3-5 Classroom Library-Novels to support incorporate African Nova Scotian characters and/or indigenous characters and Early Chapter Books/High Interest-
budget \$800 (not spent yet)

New Purchasing Requests

- Erasable Coloured Pencils x 8 = \$76.32

6. New Business

- SAC Annual Report
 - Has to be submitted in June, we will revisit in May as well. Starting to look/talk about it now to let us know what it is that gets submitted
 - Concept is there are questions that they look for feedback
 - Copies made/handed out
- Literacy Grants
 - Heidi – Chapters has grants that can support local schools. One is full grant where a Chapters location will sponsor a local school – either cash or in kind to school. Another one is national level – 10s of thousands of dollars
 - The school has to apply
 - Adopt a school fundraiser – begins in fall 2026
 - Carrie has done this (applied for) for the library (the bigger one)
 - Katharine will look into it before the May meeting
- Barb: preprimary enrollment?
 - Carrie – can't speak on exact numbers, but numbers are down
 - Primary orientation will not be bussed up this year. Field trip, permission slips, budget cost (logistics)

7. Public Input on Agenda Items

In the Newsletter – remind parents to get their checks done (Criminal Record Check, Child Abuse Registry)

8. Next meeting May 4, 6 pm (in-person)

9. Adjournment – motion to adjourn 1st Jess, 2nd Katharine