

John Martin Junior High School Advisory Council

Currently looking for community members to join the SAC- advertised on JMJH X (Twitter) account and on JMJH website

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Minutes: December 11th, 2024.

1. Attendance (names and positions held)

- Michelle Kavanaugh Principal
- Christine McKenna Vice-Principal
- Diana Hatchette Teacher (Absent)
- Angela Murphy Parent (Absent)
- Amanda Dowling Chair
- Lisa MacKinnon Community Member (Absent)
- Michelle Garcia Schools Plus Community Outreach Worker
- Tyrell Grosse Grade 8 student representative (Absent)
- Dre Beals Grade 7 Student Representative (Absent)
- Katrina Kerr Grade 9 Student Representative (Absent)

2. Call to order: Call to order by Chair Amanda Dowling

Call to order time: 5:12 pm

3. Approval of agenda: Approval provided by SAC members:

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- Christine McKenna Vice-Principal
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4. Approval of previous meeting's summary: N/A

5. Business arising from the meeting summary:

Principal's Report:

- School enrollment currently at 310 students
 - Reconfiguration of grade 7 classes to balance class sizes and better accommodate student supports.

- Reviewed Staff:
 - 100% Math Coach for 2024-2025
 - Literacy Coach & Literacy Support Teacher- completed their block December 6th, 2024. Literacy Support Teacher returns March 2025.
- Learning opportunities/additional opportunities being provided:
 - Halifax Regional Police Basketball Game
 - Girls/Boys JMJD Basketball Teams
 - Girls Volleyball season has concluded
 - Holiday Turkey Dinner on December 18th, 2024. Sponsored by NS Power and O'Regans

6. School improvement plan update

Student Achievement:

- SSP Goals Cycle #1 are complete. Newly developed/updated goals for Cycle #2 developed.
- First data pull shows that 40% ANS students are not currently meeting in mathematics, 66% Indigenous students not meeting in mathematics, 30% all other are not meeting.
- Grade 7 literacy shows growth since baseline assessment completed in September 2024. Reading fluency and writing improvement shown.
- Targeted instruction based on classroom data. Classroom teachers are using assessments to guide instruction
- Weekly Math Challenge

7. New business

- Photographer contract expires at the end of 2024-2025 school year. Admin in the process of obtaining three quotes before confirming the photography contract.
- Grad photos to be completed by LifeTouch Photography.

8. Next meeting: TBD

9. Adjournment: 6:00 pm

