

**John Martin Junior High School Advisory Council**  
*Currently looking for community members to join the SAC*

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Meeting Minutes:** May 21, 2026.

**1. Attendance (names and positions held)**

- Greg Brophy Principal
- Christine McKenna Vice-Principal
- Amanda Dowling SAC Chair (Absent)
- Diana Hatchette Teacher (Absent)
- Angela Murphy Parent (Absent)
- Lisa MacKinnon Community Member (Absent)
- Dawn MacDougall Teacher
- Jeff Younger Community Member
- Michelle Garcia Schools Plus Community Outreach Worker
- Jannat Jarin Grade 7 Student Representative (Absent)
- Frederick Onwubiko Grade 8 Student Representative (Absent)
- Lily Laravie Gordon Grade 9 Student Representative (Absent)

**2. Call to order:** Call to order by Greg Brophy  
**Call to order time:** 5:00 pm

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

- Greg Brophy Principal
- Christine McKenna Vice-Principal
- Amanda Dowling SAC Chair (Absent)
- Diana Hatchette Teacher (Absent)
- Angela Murphy Parent (Absent)
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**4. Approval of agenda:** approved

**5. Business arising from the meeting summary:** N/A

**Student Report:** N/A

**Principal's Report:**

**Staff Changes:**

- Kristen Berglund - ANSSSW - on leave - no replacement assigned due to provincial budget cuts
- Staffing for next year discussed

### **Term 3:**

- Term 3 is nearly finished.
- SSP is almost completed for this year. In term 3, we focused on the following:
  - Literacy: transitions on writing (fiction vs non-fiction)
    - Having a positive impact on students ability to communicate clearly in writing
  - Numeracy: retrieval practice and cumulative review
    - Having a positive impact on student achievement and confidence
  - Well-being: staff equity training completed (inclusive access to curriculum and culturally relevant pedagogy- ensuring all students receive the instructional support they need to be successful.)
  - The team has been assembled to build capacity within our staff to help each other in reaching all students.

### **RWM8 Assessments**

- Practice assessments have been completed
- Assessments are scheduled for May 26-June 4

### **Closing Ceremonies**

- Scheduled for June 26
- BFEC to use the gym for their ceremony on June 29, 2026.

### **Boat Cruise**

- June 18, 2026 @ 5:30 pm
- Students will pay via SchoolCash online
- SAC to cover portion of cost

### **Mural Painting**

- Our main foyer has been painted. Students and families were polled as to what it should look like.
- Painting will take place during the evenings until it is completed.

### **CAEP Spelling Bee**

- John Martin had 11 students enter the BEA/CAEP Spelling Bee.
- JMJD student won first place out of 127 participants

### **DBDLI Awards**

- Several students announced as winners for the African Nova Scotian History Challenges
- Students attended a special awards ceremony with their English teacher and Band teacher

### **Black Excellence Day**

- Celebrated Black Excellence Day at John Martin

### **Finance**

- Discussion of SAC funds - Spending update (provided to SAC)
  - Whiteboard tables- voted and approved for purchase
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## **6. School improvement plan update**

**7. Other business**

- N/A

**8. Next meeting:** Fall 2026

**9. Adjournment:** 5:45 pm