John Martin Junior High SAC Minutes
October 15th 2026

Attendance
Greg Brophy (Principal)
Brandi Kozuch (Vice- Principal)
Diana Hatchette (Teacher)
Michelle Garcia (Schools Plus)
Isabella Porro (Grade 7 Student)
Jannat Jarin (Grade 8 Student)
Elena Irova (Parent)
Britney Stevens (Parent)
Lisa MacKinnon (Community Member)

Regrets

Call to order: 5:11 by Greg Brophy

Approval of Agenda

Introductions

Membership Appointments/Roles
- Chair will be Britney Stevens
- Treasurer will be Lisa MacKinnon
- Secretary will be determined at a later date

Student's Report:
- Milk Sport Fair
    - Grade 8's attended the Milk Sports Fair was really fun and students really enjoyed it
- School Sports
    - Boys and Girls Soccer has been ongoing and volleyball has started
    - The Girls Volleyball team is getting stronger in terms of teamwork especially now that the team is smaller.
- Girls Bathroom was vandalized recently but was dealt with via Code of Conduct
- Issue with vaping in the building including in classrooms.
    - ***Actionable step***: Make a clickable document published to the school website that has links and contact information for community resources.

Principal's Report: Greg Brophy
- 2 grade six classes, 4 grade seven, 3 grade eight, 3 grade nine. Our grade eight and nine classes are at hard cap at 30 students per class.
- Staffing
    - Introduced new staff to the building
        - Brandi Kozuch is our Vice Principal
        - Kristi Winterton is our Learning Centre Teacher
        - Alicia Barrett is our School Counsellor
        - Matt Hakim is a Science and Healthy Living Teacher
    - Introduced our Student Support Staff this year

        - Jonathan Craig is our 50% jr. high intervention teacher
        - Marina Clyde is our Resource Teacher
        - Jayne Breton is our Math Coach but her session has recently ended
        - Martha Mather is our Literacy Coach/Literacy Support Teacher
        - Lisa Welsh is our Learning Disabilities Resource Teacher
        - Alicia Barrett School Counsellor
        - Michelle Garcia SchoolsPlus
        - Wanda Baker-Hayward is our Child and Youth Practitioner
        - Kristen Berglund is our African Nova Scotian Student Support Worker
    - Britney shared that ThinkSensory is offering a free virtual summit November 16–19 for educators and parents, with speakers like Dr. Ross Greene and Alfie Kohn.
- School Lunch Program
    - Going well again this year with mixed reviews about quality
    - We will be reducing the amount of extra being ordered as they have not been collected by students and we would like to reduce waste.
- Student Fee's
    - We have typically not charged a student fee and rather charge a nominal fee for trips, sports, etc.
    - Students will not be denied opportunities due to financial constraints
- Holiday Turkey Dinner
    - Occurs in December annually and students are looking forward to it already this year
    - Nova Scotia Power usually donated money to help fund the event
    - O'Regans Auto Group typically contribute Turkey's that are cooked at Parkside Pub
    - We will be reaching out to North Grove to collaborate with them
- Finance
    - Last Year (25/26) we spent $12,077.23 to purchase t-shirts for all students, chromebooks, whiteboards, whiteboard tables, frames for mission statement, picnic tables, grade nine boat cruise.
    - We had $136 left unspent that will carryover to this year
    - We should also receive $5200 for our SAC budget for this year (26/27) - aprox. $5336 total
    - Fundraising is something that we can look into as well.
- Future Meeting Dates
    - November 5th
    - January 21st
    - February 18th
    - April 15th
    - May 27th

AOB

November 5th at 5:00pm

Adjournment at 6:25 PM