

SAC Meeting

April 16, 2026

Present:

Jarrett Feeney
Victoria White
Jennifer White - SAC Chair
Andreea Cercel - Student representative (Regrets)
Elizabeth Sheridan
Brittney Myers (Regrets)
Kathy Howes
Megan Paris
Tracy Conway (regrets)

Sharing from Principal

Welcome and Introductions

Principal's Message

Overview of current registration

416 across both campuses

250 Bedford (40 new students)

160 Dartmouth (20 new students)

Graduating class = 175

Principal Report:

Summary of School Events from Q3

March 3: Youth Summit (% students from BFEC went) Students were able to network with students from other schools. Breakout rooms in the morning and a discussion cafe in the afternoon. HRCE Grant was received which will promote ideas that came up from this Summit.

Garden Club: Dartmouth launched this. They have a greenhouse and are starting with seed planting.

Intramurals: At Bedford campus, we offer activities on Wednesdays and Fridays (Pickleball, table tennis, GagaBall)

Visual Arts (Dartmouth): Students used a ceramic table top clay wheel to make pots.

April 23rd: Dartmouth BFEC is hosting a Career Day from various organizations.

Nova Scotia School Lunch Program: BFEC was chosen as one of 37 high schools across the province, meals will be delivered to our schools next year everyday.

Prom: We had our first ever Prom last year, this year it will be on June 12th, we have a prom committee started, Enchantment of the Forest is our theme. There is a decoration and music committee. We are looking for low cost formal wear.

April 29th: Parent teacher conferences (PM and evening). Dartmouth will be hosting a spring feast for students and families.

February 16th: Trades exhibition hall field trip happened, 16 students attended. Students were able to explore new career ideas.

Talk About it Tuesdays: Lisa and Joelle have engaged in many discussions such as Tiffani Young guest speaker and Prom committee. This fostered the Uncover Your Essence field trip happening on April 20th.

SEEDS: Visited Dartmouth for resume and job support.

Sloane Rioux: HRCE Art Specialist visited Bedford BFEC to lead a charcoal art unit and will be returning in Quarter 4.

PD Day on April 2nd: SSP in the morning and staff growth goals in the afternoon.

Student Leadership team: This team has been established in our Bedford campus which is led by Heather Hughes, they help welcome new students, supporting breakfast programs and Food Bank support.

SSP:

Literacy: Strengthening everyday technology skills, such as online searches, formatting documents. Teachers have been making connections to real world applications. Teachers are explicitly teaching literacy skills such as note taking, plagiarism, etc.

Math: Make Math relevant to students' lives. Setting goals and having students fill in Math gaps. This has been done through team teaching allowing for small lessons to take place in small groups.

Wellbeing: Focus on student belonging and increasing the student experience. Opportunities to engage at lunch hours, creating leadership opportunities, and creating engaging lessons through UDL or hands-on activities such as art. Providing more opportunities for voice and choice to happen.

Sharing from Andreea (Student Representative)

Nothing to share

Sharing from Jennifer White (Parent Representative)

Nothing to share

Use of Funds:

Re-engagement grant: \$28,000 was spent

Dartmouth: Spent \$5000 for our woodshop (adaptive technology) Money was also spent on community garden, physical fitness supplies, kitchen supplies.

Bedford: Showcasing student art in various mediums (\$4600), adaptive tech for students, STEM games, physical fitness.

Purchased 20 new Chromebooks (10 for each campus)

Area of focus for next year: looking to build up ways to add to student resumes, adding certifications such as Food Handlers, First Aid, etc.

Next SAC Dates:

May 6, June 3