

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: May 6, 2026

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order with welcome remarks and introductions.

2. Principal's Message

The Principal shared updates and highlights from Quarter 4, focusing on student engagement, programming, and upcoming events.

3. Principal's Report

Prom & Graduation

Graduation at BFEC will take place on June 29. Bedford ceremonies are scheduled for 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. at the BFEC campus, with the Dartmouth ceremony at 4:00 p.m. at John Martin Junior High. A sign-up for Bedford ceremony times will be shared on May 19. Graduates will receive four guest tickets, with the option to request up to two additional tickets on a first-come, first-served basis.

A bowling social is planned for May 27, and prom will be held on June 12 at the Mic Mac Aquatic Club, beginning with dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a dance. Information is available in Grad and Prom Classrooms, with administration support available as needed.

YESP (Youth Employability Support Program)

The YESP team has provided strong support to students, particularly with post-secondary planning and financial assistance. Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. have been established as their consistent time in the building. Classroom visits have increased awareness of available supports. Future plans include potential workshops on job search and interview skills. The YESP supervisor noted BFEC's strong engagement with the program.

NSCC Recruiter

NSSC recruiter Meghan MacDonald continues to be a valuable resource. She has visited twice and will return on May 21. She is highly knowledgeable, responsive, and supportive of both students and staff.

Leadership Group

The leadership group has supported several initiatives this year, including semester start-up, the breakfast program, and food bank distribution. Plans are in place to begin earlier next year and expand student leadership opportunities.

Beading Workshop

MMS 11 students participated in a two-day Mi'kmaq beading workshop led by Sloane Rioux. Students learned traditional techniques using hide and seed beads, gaining appreciation for the cultural significance and skill involved.

Career Day

The Dartmouth campus hosted a Career Day on April 23, featuring approximately 20 career pathways. Students engaged directly with professionals and community organizations, gaining insight into various careers and post-secondary opportunities.

Uncover Your Essence Conference

Students from both campuses attended this provincial conference focused on identity, wellness, and personal growth. The experience provided opportunities for learning, connection, and exploration of future pathways.

Staffing Update

Planning for the 2026–27 school year is underway. Staffing allocations have not yet been confirmed. Preparatory work has begun, with Notices of Assignment to follow once allocations are received. Further updates will be shared as information becomes available.

New Staff Member

Amelia Abbott has joined BFEC for the month of May, covering for Brittany Myers. She is teaching Biology and Food and Hospitality and has made a positive contribution to the school community.

Agriculture Program

Students attended the Agricultural Careers Expo in Truro and have begun ongoing visits to the North Grove for experiential learning. School-based activities include garden preparation and seedling growth.

Outreach Field Trip

The MMS11 Outreach class will visit the Bedford Barrens, a National Historic Site with Mi'kmaw petroglyphs. This trip supports learning related to Mi'kmaw culture, land-based knowledge, and experiential education.

Guest Presenter

Jason Power, a Provincial Biologist, presented on conservation, large mammals, and Mi'kmaw perspectives. His visit included sharing artifacts and personal experiences.

Red Dress Day

The school recognized Red Dress Day with a display raising awareness about missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Students engaged with educational materials and reflective learning opportunities.

Student Success Planning (SSP)

Math:

Focus on building confidence and independence through self-paced learning, real-world connections, and individualized support. Increased student engagement and risk-taking has been observed.

Literacy:

Focus on strengthening research and writing skills, including evaluating credible sources

and reducing reliance on AI-generated content. Ongoing support includes modelling, scaffolding, and conferencing.

4. Next Meeting Date

June 3, 2026

5. Adjournment