SAC Meeting
November 19, 2026

Present:

Jarrett Feeney- Principal
Victoria White - Vice Principal Dartmouth
Lucia Andrea - SAC Chair
Blake Boland - Student representative (regrets sent)
Elizabeth Sheridan - Vice Principal Bedford
Leah Baccich - Outreach Teacher
Kathy Howes - Outreach Teacher
Megan Paris - Registrar
Heather Hughes- School Counsellor Bedford
Tiffani Wightman - Bedford Parent
Melanie Quigg - Bedford Parent
Krystal MacKenzie- Outreach Coordinator
Lisa Pierce - CYCP Dartmouth
Alicia Potvin - ASAP Candidate

Sharing from Principal

Welcome and Introductions
Principal's Message

Overview of current registration

-354 students currently enrolled, 166 in Bedford and 106 in Dartmouth, 20 students graduate in Q1. 185 on track to graduate

-51 are of African descent and 50 of Indigenous descent.

-Our current population consists of both adult learners completing the NSSAL pathway and students completing the traditional graduation pathway.

Summary of School Events from Q2

SEED has joined the Dartmouth campus weekly to work on resume building and YEP offering is available.

Bright Futures in collaboration with YESP is happening in Dartmouth with a focus on life beyond BFEC.

Creative Arts Programming happened in Dartmouth with Holiday themed beading with our Indigenous Support Worker, Laura.

YESP continues their support for our students every Wednesday in Bedford. Main focus currently on applying for post-secondary schools and support with resumes. We are trying to have every potential graduate meet with the team.

Reachability - One step closer program was a 5 week program running in Bedford that completed on October 30th. This program worked on:

- Confidence and self-esteem
- Coping skills and building resilience
- Adaptability and conflict resolution
- Challenging negative thinking
- Identifying mental health supports
- Communication skills
- Decision-making and critical thinking
- Overcoming barriers
- Understanding and identifying personal strengths
- Time management
- Goal setting

AARAO Tour: October 16th

NSCC Open house: Oct 16/17 which saw some of students visit NSCC campuses and apply

Dal Consent Presentation in Bedford for the whole student body done in 4 mini presentations. It was well received.

Nova Scotia Sisterhood visited Bedford on Oct 29th with a focus group for our females of African descent and then a larger presentation provided to 4 classes.

Spirit Week led by our Student Leadership team had the students plan and implement a week of activities for all students including a very cool murder mystery escape room design ed and implemented by one student with the student leadership team being included as actors in the room.

Reachability Employment program is starting in Quarter 2 on November 24th. This is a 4 week program where students will receive support with resume writing, interview skills and have an overview of the expectations of becoming an employee.

Remembrance Day ceremony held on November 10th led by the Student Leadership team.

Art Specialist was here for 2 days with the Art 11-12 class to create ceramic mugs.

The lunch program continues to be a welcome addition to our school and students are using it on a regular basis.

We are preparing for our annual Christmas giveaway and all currently collecting items

Business Management 12 in Dartmouth visited the Glitter Bean cafe.

Oceans 11 visited the BIO where students toured the shark research lab.

Food Science 12 visited the North Grove.

Student Success Team : Student Voice (Blake Boland)

-Welcoming new students at beginning of Quarter
-Lunchtime activities
-Leadership training with HOWL experience in Dartmouth
-Holiday Giveaway collection for December 9th/10th

- Student Leadership team has been consistently doing the breakfast program every morning and cooking a hot breakfast for all students.

-Student Leadership team also supported welcoming our new students for the start of Quarter 2 by greeting them at the door and giving them a tour of the school before taking them to their class.

Attendance Support:

Small attendance teams that met weekly with identified students and providing interventions to support increasing attendance from a proactive approach.

Student Success Plan:

-Student Success Planning for Cycle 1 has started and the leads for Math, Literacy and Wellbeing met on September 25th to set the goals for this current cycle. The goals were then shared with the remainder of the staff.

Literacy : Students will improve basic inferencing skills with the goal of improving overall critical thinking skills.

Math: Students will improve basic inferencing skills with the goal of improving overall critical thinking skills.

Wellbeing: Student leadership.

Review of SAC Rules:

We are in need a community member, if anyone has connections or ideas of who to invite please let Jarrett know.

Use of Funds:

-SAC has approximately $5400 grant that must be used this year, Mr Feeney asked for SAC members to reflect on what they would like to do with this pot of money and bring ideas to next meeting.

Next SAC Dates:

November 19, December 15 (potentially moving this to January), February 18, April 8, May 27