

WBS School Advisory Council

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025

Time: 06:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m

Location: WBS Seminar Room

Members Present:

1. **Co-Chairs:** Gary Schmeisser (Community Member), Julia Spence (parent of P-3, French Immersion)
2. **Principal:** Susan Casey (Principal PP- grade 6)
3. **Support Staff (Library Specialist):** Heather MacIntyre (Support Staff Library)
4. **Teacher Representative:** Shannon Christie (Grade 4 teacher, English Program)
5. **Teacher Representative:** Corinne Trottier (Grade 5 teacher, English Program)
6. **Teacher Representative:** Paola Bartolaccie (Learning Support, English Program)
7. **Parent Representative:** Alex Li (parent of P-3 student, French Immersion)
8. **Parent Representative:** Haley Flewwelling (parent of P-3 /4-6 student, French Immersion & Home and School Representative)
9. **Parent Representative:** Bei Zhou (parent of P-3 & 4-6 students, English program)
10. **Community Member:** Tricia Schmeisser
11. **Community Member:** Susan Hart
12. **Community Member:** Janice Aucoin

Regrets:

Guests: Sean MacDonald, Principal West Bedford High, Sarah Jeans, West Bedford High SAC Co-Chair & additional SAC members from WBH

Presenters:

Life Touch: Emmett Ryan

Nova Scotia School Pictures: Robert Calnen & Kurtis Bennett

Pineapple Studios: Liam Hennessey

Observers:

1. Joanne Treen (Vice Principal, WBS, Grades 4-6)
2. Jacinta Heckman
3. Courtney Smith (Vice Principal, WBS, Grades PP-3)

1. Opening

The meeting commenced with the layout of the evening's meeting. Three photography companies will do a presentation for the SAC for both WBS and WBH. SAC members will then discuss and vote on who they would like to get the 3 year photography contract for West Bedford.

Summary of Presentations

Features	Life Touch	Nova Scotia School Pictures	Pineapple (Applehead)
Contact Person	Emmett Ryan	Robert Calnen & Kurtis Bennett	Liam Hennessey
Background Options	Families choose after photos are taken	Unlimited	Green screen (about 20 backgrounds)
Class Photos	Provided to all students	Provided to all students	Complementary digital class photo
Digital Image Options	Included from Essential package and up	Included with packages, retouching available	Digital files included, 8-10 proofs per student
Grad Photos	Cap and gown, 15 mins/student, 4 takes	10 mins/student, pay during sitting \$15 fee	\$25 in studio, \$20 at school
Siblings Discount	Not specified	3rd child free	Negotiable, not offered in the past
Commission to School	10%	10%	Not mentioned
Additional Perks	Free principal's book, yearbook support team, \$300 annual print credit, free event photos, fundraising support, online portal to	Family sitting option for donation to school, \$1,000 signing bonus, fundraising event support; free packages for staff	Photo booth donation for events

	create other things like certificates, seating plan, free packages for staff		
Data Storage/Security	Stored securely in Cloud	Stored locally (Dartmouth) for 52 years, unclear about level of security	Stored on drive at studio
Turnaround Time	Within 2 weeks	Not specified	4 days
School Directory	Free	Provided	Customizable
Birthday Cards/Recognition	Included	Included	Not mentioned
Local vs. International Company	American company	Local (Nova Scotia)	Local (Nova Scotia)
Staff Composite	Free (staff & grads); framed	Free; framed	Digital provided
Retake Policy	Re-take day offered	Free studio retakes for accommodations if needed; retake day offered	No retake day but can come back for absent students or visit studio
Event Photography	1 free event (e.g., sports, Santa photos; closing ceremony, spring fling)	Photo option with on spot printing (1 free event for the school)	Donates photo booth for events with a small photo strip printed on the spot
Yearbook Support	Full team support for yearbook creation	Free yearbook photos of sports, clubs, etc.	Not mentioned

SAC Discussion

Pineapple Studios has unique photos that capture the students' personalities, however they only offer digital copies and not everyone wants or has access to digital technology.

The school directory photo book would also be a digital version.

WBS currently has a yearbook contract with Johnstons

Summary of photography presentations will be sent to SAC members who will give their vote for the company they would like to see get the contract.

Fund Proposal

French Immersion Literacy Centers: Grade 1 Whitehead, 2/3 Johnston, 4/5 Christenson
\$750 - approved

Future Meetings & Adjournment

A) Next proposed SAC meeting, Tuesday, June 10, 2025

B) Meeting adjourned

The agenda items that were not discussed at this meeting will be carried forward to the June 10th meeting.