

WBS
School Advisory Council Monday,
September 14, 2026

Time: 07:00 p.m. to 08:00 p.m.

Location: WBS Seminar Room

Attendance:

Principal: Susan Casey (Principal PP- grade 6)

Parents: Kelly Cull, Samantha Roy (H&S Rep)

Community Members: None

Staff: Paola Bartolacci, Abby Burke, Jenn Barr, Courtney Smith

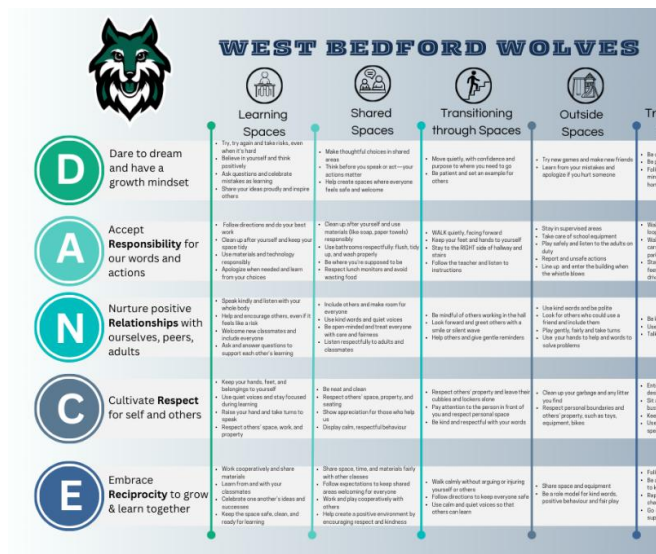
Silent Observers: Alison Birdsall

Regrets: Tony Qin (community member), Susan Hart (community member)

Meeting minutes:

	Topic	Discussion	Action / Decision
1	Opening	- Call to order - Welcome and introductions - Approval of the agenda	Agenda approved
2	Approval of minutes	- Review of May 2026 minutes	Minutes approved
3	Principal's Report	September 2026 SAC Principal's Report 1. Population of WBS PP-6 in 26-27 is 1140 2. Feel that Year 4 has gotten off to a great start 3. Focus is on Building Community and classroom Spirit- A. Student Ambassadors – helped with our first few days of schools with the younger grades, deliver lunches to Primary to Grade 2, 2/3 classes each day; organize the breakfast bin carts each day B. Grade 6 Band Camp is coming up on September 23rd. C. Open House/Curriculum Night- the feedback has been really positive about having it the night before classes start. D. Friday Funnies and Friday Dance Party 4. Provincial Safe Schools Strategy- we focused on this in our opening; reviewed the updates to the Provincial Code of Conduct; the focus of the September 3 2026 PL day was on Emergency	

		Management planning, Workplace Violence Prevention Plan. West Bedford School – Vision, Mission & Core Values Overarching Belief: At West Bedford School, we are creating a school culture that promotes equity, empathy, belonging, connection, creativity, innovation, and high productivity for our learners to be successful citizens in the 21st Century. Working as an interconnected team and following the Nova Scotia Public School Program, we design learning opportunities that allow all students to find success. WBS Vision & Mission: At WBS, we are committed to ensuring that 100% of our students reach their full potential. We believe every student—regardless of grade level or individual learning path—can succeed in mastering the key skills and knowledge needed for each subject. Our school will continue to work on ensuring it is a welcoming and inclusive environment where all students feel safe, seen, and heard. By fostering perseverance, we empower students to grow into confident, caring, and accountable learners and citizens. Together, we work to create a community where every learner is supported to thrive. The Core Values we embody everyday: We love to D.A.N.C.E. ● Dare to Dream ● Accept Responsibility ● Nurture Relationships ● Cultivate Respect ● Embrace Reciprocity West Bedford WOLVES Matrix	
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Student Success Plan Update:

The school has three goals that are focused on, that guide our professional work. Each year we identify strategies based on where our students are to streamline our focus of our teaching and learning as educators.

- Literacy Goal:** We will improve achievement in literacy for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.
- Mathematics Goal:** We will improve achievement in mathematics for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.
- Well-Being Goal:** We will improve well-being at our school for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

5. Professional Development for staff-

- September 25th-professional learning day- I will be given the PL focus next week

4	Expressions of interest for Student Advisory Council	- Parent representatives are needed for the SAC. A call for interest was circulated in the September 14 Monday Memo, and several expressions of interest have been received. A vote will be conducted.	Samantha to post SAC community member role on social media
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		- Community members are also needed for the SAC. Samantha offered to advertise the opportunity on facebook.	
5	Old business	- None	
6	New Business	- Review June year end report - Report was drafted by previous years chair and submitted to HRCE, who provides a report to the Province - School Success Plan Update - Call for Co-Chair and Secretary - Courtney Smith and Paola Bartolucci volunteered as co-chairs - Kelly Cull volunteered as secretary - Meetings dates for the coming year - Meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month	
7	SAC funds and review of funding proposals	- Questions were raised about the level of SAC funding for the current school year. Susan will provide a funding update at the next meeting. - Discussion related to the policy analysis completed by the former SAC co-chair on SAC funding distribution. Analysis is available in the January 2026 SAC meeting minutes.	Susan will inquire about funding levels prior to the October meeting
8	SAC members questions and comments	- Fire alarms - Questions and concerns were raised about the frequency of fire alarms at WBE, particularly in relation to the September 4th fire alarm. - Green space - Questions and concerns were raised regarding the availability of green space on school grounds. - Update was shared that the field was re-seeded. Availability of field space to WBE remains dependent on parent volunteers.	