

Springvale SAC Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, April 21st, 2026

Present: Michelle Lamont (Principal), Barbara Bryson-Wheeler (Vice Chair/Parent), Katie Kirkpatrick (Parent), Tracy McFeters (Teacher), Brandy Nagy (Vice Principal), Ariane Savi (Parent), Kass Knight (Chair/Parent), Jill Zhang (Teacher), Shelia Doucet (Community Member)

Regrets: Mona Atkins (Support Staff)

1. Call to order 6:04pm
2. Review of Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, February 17th, 2026

-approved with edit to AI paragraph.

3. Principal's Report
 - a. SSP (Student Success Plan) – Cycle 3 Plan . Will be planned based on Cycle 2 reflections. New curriculum coming in effect.
 - i. Mathematics
 1. Continuing to track & monitor student progress in computational fluency and differentiating instruction based on collected evidence.
 2. Focus on relational concepts in mathematics to support the gaps between subtraction/addition, division/multiplication and using basic facts to support more complex facts for older students.
 3. Using age appropriate and consistent mathematical discourse to explain thinking and expand math vocabulary.
 - ii. Well-being
 1. Teachers will focus on bridging the gap between structured instruction (explicit instruction) and unstructured application, so it is more consistent when students are making decisions in the moment without reminding.
 2. Will take explicit instruction to specific locations. Use role-playing sessions specifically in the playground and other environments to reset expectations for the final term. Visual component with posters to help students who are EAL, can't read yet or students who need help with communication.
 - b. Initial configuration - classrooms. Good news - the school gets to keep all 13 classrooms. One pre-primary classroom as of right now (14). Only straight classes: Primary, 4, 5, 6 . One of each. Remaining configurations are:
Pri, Pri/1, Pri/1, 1/2, 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 3/4, 4, 4/5, 5, 5/6, 6. (The Soft cap is 20 students for Primary-grade 2; 25 for Grs. 4-6). 22 is the hard cap for P-3. 27 hard cap for 3-6.
 - c. Another manhole update - leaking is school's sewage but blockage is from the street. Several different groups came - Environmental Services, HRCE, Halifax Water. New manhole cover installed in order to detract kids from sticking sticks in. There are still a couple of holes so the cover can be removed. It overflowed again last week. They are still working on it. It just looks like water right now. No one has said to the principal that it is an environmental hazard such that kids can't play on the field.
 - d. AI update - Gemini settings attached to GNSPES don't start until Grade 7. Teachers are teaching around safety and well-being & critical literacy.

- e. Field trips - Multiple trips to pottery lab/glass lab/ swim to survive - Gr 3s to YMCA (go 3 times for one hour, they are split into different groups depending on ability and learn survival & safety water skills). Gr 6 field trip as well. Thursday Neptune is coming in to do two performances for students. Study guide provided so teachers can do lessons before and after the play performance, which is related to well-being. It is about a child who is new to a school, doesn't speak the language, and how she makes new friends and they all learn how to communicate with one another.

4. Budget information: \$4221.15 left. \$762.71 spent so far this year.

\$1200 approximately will come out for the writing programs (correct?). So will be down to \$3000.

5. Any other business -

Discussion around what the rocks in the front of the school are for/from - Ariane might tidy it up, some teachers will do gardening outside with the planters. Question about budget cuts - likely won't impact what's happening inside schools - not sure about librarians yet.

6. Adjournment 6:52pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 19th, 6pm, Springvale School Library.