

BLT JR & BLT SR Elementary- School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Attendance:**

Present:

1) Katie Sherren	Chair/ Parent	BLT SR
2) Ms. Michelle Andrews	Principal	BLT SR
3) Mr. Albert Williams	Principal	BLT JR
4) Sarah Warfard	Parent	BLT JR & BLT SR
5) Ian Angus	Community Member	
6) Ms. Christine Compton	Teacher	BLT JR

Regrets:

1) Mrs. Cali Huczel	Vice Principal	BLT JR
2) Ms. Tracey Quinn	Vice Principal	BLT SR
3) Karri Lynn Davidson	Parent	BLT SR
4) Amy Lowry	Parent	BLT SR
5) Stephanie Brown	Parent	BLT SR
6) Mme. Comeau	Teacher	BLT JR

**Call to Order:**

6:01 PM, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
BLT SR Cafeteria

**Principal Report from BLT JR (Mr. Williams):**

Important Dates to Remember (April):

April 22: Earth Day

April 22: Administrative Professionals Day

April 29: Elem/Middle/Jr Professional Development (No classes - all schools)

March Assembly:

Guest Speaker Keonté Beals- We welcomed local celebrity Keonté Beals to our school for an assembly. Hailing from North Preston, Mr Beals is a leadership keynote speaker, multi-award-winning singer-songwriter, author, and entrepreneur. During our assembly we were treated to a live reading of his self-published children's book 'I Am Perfectly Me'.

Breakfast Program:

- Purchased some new resources, including apple cutters and cheese cutters, to support healthy snack preparation.
- Breakfast volunteers help by stocking and organizing the breakfast bins on a weekly basis and provide a special treat once a week.
- If the bins run low during the week, they are topped up by the administrative team to ensure students always have access to breakfast.

School Repairs

- The flagpole pulley system has been repaired. The maintenance team completed the repair in February ensuring the flag can now be raised and lowered safely and smoothly.
- Pylons have been purchased to support outdoor safety at the end of the day.

## Library

- A number of books and other resources have been purchased for the library to support student learning, encourage reading, and enhance classroom activities.
- Our goal is to add more nonfiction books that match students' reading levels and help them learn and stay curious.

## SSP:

Completed Cycle Two reflection and are now focusing on setting goals for Cycle Three of our plan.

## SAC Funds – Planned Purchases:

- We Thinkers Resource Kits (1, 2, and 3)
- Superflex Program
- Trays for the Literacy Program (French Immersion)
- Extra Letters
- Nonfiction Texts (French and English)
- Math Resources (variety of counting materials)
- Hands-On Learning Resource
- Games for Social and Emotional learning
- Shakers and purchase a few drums for music
- Outdoor items (balls, action figures, etc)

## **Principal Report from BLT SR (Ms. Andrews):**

March Spirit Week (March 9–13): Students participated in fun themed days leading up to March Break.

Report Cards & Student-Led Conferences: Report cards and adaptations were sent home on April 1, 2026. Student-led conferences on April 1 (evening) and April 2 (afternoon) were a success, with students proudly sharing their learning progress.

## Fantastic Moments

- The campaign continues throughout April – each student is encouraged to complete 5 Fantastic Moments.
- Assemblies for Grades 2/3 & 4/5 will be held toward the end of the month.

## LM3: Grade 3 Provincial Assessments

- Scheduled for May 11–22.

## Upcoming Professional Development Day

- April 29: All P–6 classroom teachers, resource/learning center teachers, and EAL teachers will focus on Literacy P–6.
- Grade 2 teachers will join BLT Jr. for PD
- Specialist teachers will focus on our Well-Being goal in the SSP, with time allotted for self-directed learning.
- All teachers across the system will participate in Gender-Based Violence professional development.

## Staffing for 2026-2027

- Allocations and staffing information is starting to be sent out now.
- More information will be shared at the next SAC after NOA are handed out to teachers.

#### Grade 5 Closing

- Atlantic Splash Pad visit: June 17
- Grade 5 Closing Ceremony: June 25
- Activities include certificates, t-shirts, and a fun day.
- Students have been fundraising to help offset costs.
- Home Alone course will be offered to Grade 5 students.

#### Spring Fair Fundraiser

- Preliminary planning meetings have been held with the original core team of volunteers taking the lead.
- Planning is underway following two productive meetings.
- Spring Fair is scheduled for June 6.

#### SAC Funding Request

- Outdoor Equipment: A request has been submitted to refresh playground equipment, including chalk, bubbles, soccer balls, and basketballs.
- Math resources.

#### SSP Update

##### Literacy

- Students are confidently using phonics to tackle new words, improving fluency and comprehension.
- They are taking risks in their writing, revising their work, and increasingly seeing themselves as readers and writers.
- With support, many students previously below benchmark are now reading and writing more independently and successfully.

##### Math

- Students are trying different strategies, learning flexible ways to solve problems, and building confidence.
- Teachers encourage multiple approaches, helping students understand and select the best method for each problem.

##### Well-Being

- Students are more engaged and confident when classroom activities reflect their identities, cultures, and voices.
- Culturally responsive programming, led by Jaden, our ANSSSW, and CYCP, including storytelling, land acknowledgements, and diverse perspectives, helps foster engagement, affirms identity, and strengthens a sense of belonging for our students of African and Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

#### **General Discussion:**

BLT Trail- We would love to see a connection route between BLT SR Elementary and the BLT Trail to encourage active modes of transportation and active education. This idea is put on hold as there is

currently no BLT Trail Association. There is an upcoming meeting within the community regarding the current state of the BLT Trail. Our SAC Chair will attend this meeting to gain a better understanding.

Parking for Staff: There are currently not enough spaces for staff to park on site, especially with many visiting staff, for example from IWK. Mr. Williams has created some extra space behind the school but it is not ideal. HRCE Operations will be notified.

Marquee- There is a marquee for BLT JR & SR Elementary on James St near St. Margaret's Bay Rd which is due to be updated. Ian Angus has volunteered to update the marquee.

SAC Funding- As a committee, we have agreed on funds being used to benefit students, particularly in the areas of well-being and math. For example, grade five students will receive a BLT T-shirt upon graduation, and the school will purchase outdoor equipment for students to use during recess and lunch. Learning resources will be purchased as well.

**Next Meeting:**

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026

6pm

BLT SR Cafeteria

**Meeting Adjourned:**

6:32 PM