

Rocky Lake School – January SAC Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2026

Attendance: Ivan Skeete, Heather Day, Lisa MacIsaac, Dale O’Neil, Kyla-Rae Burry

Regrets: Heather Collins, Kris Kohler, Tabitha Wadden

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Provincial Assessment Results

- Provincial assessments from October were received for **reading, writing, and mathematics**.
- **75%** of students achieved **Level 3 or 4** (proficient or highly proficient).
- Reading proficiency: **78%**
- Writing proficiency: **64.9%**, which remains a current school improvement focus.
- Teacher-led assessments reported:
 - **73%** at expected writing level in November
 - **79%** at expected level for **non-fiction writing** by January 15

3. Math Fact Fluency

- Teachers reported **57%** of students at the expected level.
- Next data collection will occur in **March**.

4. SAC Budget & Expenditures

- SAC account balance: **\$5,300**, allocated to student **well-being, literacy, and numeracy**.
- Activities currently supported:
 - **End-of-year trip** to Atlantic Splash Adventure
 - **Yearbook** pricing at **\$11**
 - **Oval March Break Trip**, cost **\$5 per child**
- Ivan Skeete will contact teachers to gather requests for SAC-funded materials or supports.

5. Winter Concert – February 24

- Theme: **Community and Togetherness**.
- All classes will perform; music focuses on inspirational pop songs.
- Two shows due to school size: **9:00 AM** and **1:00 PM**.
- Concert coordination led by **Mr. Wisenor**.
- Additional student talent performances may be included.
- Ivan Skeete will confirm whether information has already been sent home to families.

6. School Photos

- This year's photos took place later than ideal due to delayed provider selection.
- SAC members reported **no major concerns** with **Lifetouch**.
- Decision: Continue with **Lifetouch** next year.
- Rationale:
 - Avoid multi-year contracts
 - Improve scheduling for the fall
 - Strong communication ensured retake concerns were addressed
- Benefits:
 - Year-end memento photo
 - Favorable yearbook pricing

7. Junior High Registration & Transitions

- Registration forms for next year have been distributed.
- Rocky Lake Junior High (RLJH) will:
 - Present the **Late French Immersion** option
 - Host student tours in **May or June**
- Students will walk to and from the junior high during these visits.

8. Grade 6 Social Dynamics & Privacy Presentation

- Ivan Skeete and the school counselor are preparing a presentation on:
 - Respecting privacy
 - Handling secrets appropriately
 - Understanding the consequences of sharing peers' crushes or rumors

- Recent incidents prompted the need for proactive education.
- Objective: Support student well-being and maintain a positive environment for the school's only grade level.

9. Technology Use & Writing Skills

- Concerns shared regarding declining writing quality linked to:
 - Increased screen time
 - Overreliance on tablets and voice-to-text
 - Editing challenges on Chromebooks
- Discussion emphasized the importance of **pen-and-paper writing**.
- Ivan Skeete raised the idea of developing a **school-based technology use policy**, pending broader board or government direction.
- Cell phone restrictions continue to positively impact focus and social interactions.

10. Family Bingo Event – February 12

- Event rescheduled with increased family interest.
- Volunteers coordinated by **Sarah**.
- Four to five additional volunteers are still needed; SAC members are asked to share the request.
- Event will proceed regardless, but additional support will improve logistics.

11. Next Meeting

- The next SAC meeting will take place on **February 18**.

Follow-Up Actions

For SAC Members

- Recruit 4–5 volunteers for **February 12 Bingo Night**.
- Send articles/resources on school technology use to Ivan Skeete for future policy discussions.

For Ivan Skeete

- Confirm distribution of **winter concert** communication to parents.
- Collect teacher requests for SAC-funded items.
- Finalize the Grade 6 privacy and social-dynamics presentation.