

# RLE School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

**Date:** February 18, 2026

**Time:** 5:15–6:11 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual (MS Teams)

**Chair:** Ivan Skeete

**Recorder:** AI Assistant

## Attendees

- Ivan Skeete (Principal)
  - Heather Day (VP)
  - Heather Collins
  - Kristopher Kohler
  - Lisa MacIsaac
  - Dayle O'Neil
  - Tabitha Wadden
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## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately **5:15 p.m.** once quorum was established.

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## 2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Members reviewed the **January 2026 meeting minutes**.
  - **Motion:** Approve January minutes for posting.
  - **Outcome:** Approved by consensus.
  - **Action:** Heather Day to post approved minutes to the school website.
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## 3. Updates from Administration

### a. Student Wellness / School Climate

- Ongoing Grade 6 “spring fever” issues (crushes, rumours) were discussed.
- School Counselor **Ms. Bowers** created a video for classroom use to support student discussions.
- The situation is currently quiet but expected to resurface later in the term.

### b. Student Services Plan (SSP)

- No major updates at this time.
  - Further information to be shared at the next meeting.
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## 4. SAC Grant (\$5,000 Provincial Grant) – Funding Requests

### a. Floorball Equipment (Approx. \$1,000)

- Request from **Mr. Were (Phys. Ed.)** to purchase floorball equipment (sticks and balls).
- Equipment would support current units, future intramurals, and visiting clinics.
- Benefits the full school community over multiple years.

**Decision:**

- ✓ Approved by consensus.
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### b. Resource Room Supplies (Approx. \$350)

- Request from **Ms. Collins** for instructional supports (math, literacy, reading fluency, manipulatives).
- Intended to support all classrooms through in-class and pull-out services.

**Decision:**

- ✓ Approved by consensus.

**Action:** Ivan to proceed with the Amazon order.

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### c. Other Funding Ideas (Discussion Only)

- **Yearbook:**
  - Tabitha will seek sponsorships to offset costs.
  - Decision on additional funding deferred.
- **Dedicated Art Room (Future-Focused):**
  - Proposal to convert unused basement space into a dedicated art room.
  - Benefits include centralized supplies, reduced classroom mess, and better access to resources.
  - Strong staff support expressed; emphasized need for centralized management of materials.
  - Possible student involvement in organization and inventory.

**Decision:**

- 📘 Discussion only; planning to continue with staff input and possible phased rollout.
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## 5. School Events & Activities Updates

- **Family Bingo Night:**
    - Successfully held despite previous weather disruptions.
    - Good attendance and positive feedback.
  - **Year-End Trip:**
    - Booked for **June 19** at **Atlantic Splash**.
  - **Upcoming Events:**
    - Oval Trip
    - RBC Hot Chocolate Morning
    - Arts Night (May)
    - Spring Dance (late May / early June)
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## 6. Lifetouch Photography & Yearbook Discussion

### Issue Overview

- Concerns raised due to the parent company of Lifetouch being referenced in the Epstein files.
- No evidence of student data breaches, but strong concerns around **optics, trust, and staff comfort**.

### Key Points

- HRCE has requested contract information and appears to be reviewing photography vendors.
- Staff expressed discomfort with continued association, even indirectly.
- Alternatives exist locally (e.g., Adams, Calvin, Bluenose Photography).
- Some staff indicated they would prefer not to appear in a Lifetouch-produced yearbook.

### Direction / Consensus

- Do **not** sign any new Lifetouch contracts for the upcoming year.
- Pause decisions on the current yearbook until HRCE provides direction.
- Begin exploring alternative providers in case a quick transition is needed.

### Actions:

- Ivan to communicate with Lifetouch and monitor HRCE guidance.
  - SAC members to share community feedback or vendor information with Ivan.
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## 7. Next Meeting

- **The March meeting will be skipped** due to timing and March Break.
- **Next Meeting:**
  - **Date:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026
  - **Time:** 5:15 p.m.

## 8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately **6:11 p.m.**