

**School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**Colby Village Elementary School (CVES)**

February 5, 2026, 6 pm

Attendance: Robert Caume (Principal), Heather Neish (Secretary), Felicia MacRae, Peter Redmond, Colleen Dafoe, Nicole Babstock (Teachers Rep)

**1. Meeting called to order**

- P. Redmond called meeting to order. N. Babstock seconded.

**2. Business Arising**

2.1 SAC Conference Review (November 2025)

R. Caume attended the conference. Pre-registration for sessions was not available and there was limited space for participants to attend sessions of their choice. He attended a session about community partnerships with local businesses.

2.3 Updates in Student Achievement. See 2.5.

2.4 School Cancellations and Power Outages

There were two snow days in late January and a delayed opening in early February. It is essential for school parking lots, city streets and sidewalks be cleared if school is to open.

2.5 Grade Six Assessment Results

Good results overall. 2-3 students that did not meet expectations. R. Caume will meet with teachers this week to discuss results and computation in lower grades.

2.6 Chromebooks in classrooms

A meeting was held with Vice Principals to discuss reducing the use of Chromebooks in the classroom. The goal is to use them 10% of the day. A discussion was held about the use of them in junior and senior high school. Students must be ready and able to use them after elementary school. They are a frequently used tool in higher grades. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is used more often by students and teachers, training is required.

**3. Reports**

3.1 Principal's Report. See 2.1.

3.2 Student Success Planning

R. Caume reviewed the literacy, math and well-being goals with a focus on African-Canadian, Indigenous and Mi'kmaq students. A well-being survey is being developed and

will be distributed to grades P-3 and 4-6. A copy of the P-3 was reviewed. Findings will be reviewed and addressed.

#### **4. New Business**

##### **4.1 Fallen trees in the woods/HRM**

There are many fallen trees in the woods next to the playgrounds along Colby Drive. There is a safety risk and R. Caume will request HRM to remove them. If HRM rejects the request, a letter from SAC will be sent to HRM.

##### **4.2 Guidance Counselor and space to ensure confidentiality**

A new Guidance Counselor, Patricia MacLean, has been hired and will work at CVES on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. A private space is required; the photocopier room will be split in half and Ms. MacLean will use this space.

#### **5. Other**

A reminder to students to use the crosswalk as a close call was witnessed and Colby Drive is busy during and outside of school hours.

#### **4. Meeting Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.
- Next meeting is March 24, 2026 at 6 pm.