

Mount Edward Elementary School
School Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 18, 2026

Attendance:

Present: Janet Wilson (Chair), Lori Bartkiw (Principal), Rebecca Fahey (community member), Diane Lloyd (teacher), Cindy Coffin Were (VP), Scott Pasko (Parent), Kendra Bourgeois (community member)

Regrets: Carolyn Doyle (parent), Bertha Moore (teacher)

Minutes to January 7, 2026 approval:

- Moved to approve by Diane Lloyd
- Second by Janet Wilson
- Approved

Principal Report:

- Registration is slow to start, spread the word to the community and encourage neighbours to register early so that our staffing can be reflective of the need.
- Lock down drill
 - We had our lockdown drill on the day of the Tumbler Ridge and there did not seem to be any further questions/concerns from the students after hearing the news.
 - We were directed by the Head Office to put the lock down drills on hold if we had not already done it.
 - We were also given information/resources should students and families had reactions
- Grade 6 Provincial Assessment
 - We were informed today that they are going to be online using the platform Vretta for the grade 6s in the fall.
 - We are looking at it as a positive to increase
- Field trips/Presentations
 - Grade 4/5 and Grade 6s - went to Mount Saint Vincent for a Stadacona Band presentation
 - Grade 6s took public transit to Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
 - 2s and 3s went to the new aquarium
 - Primary -1 went to the Discovery Centre
 - Grade 6s will have a presentation from HRP around cyber safety and the importance of what happens when they turn 12!

- Shades for the gym
 - Shades have been ordered and will be delivered soon
 - Janet has reached out to the Cole Harbour Westphal fire station for a donation toward
 - Rewards: extra recess (had it in December), still to do extra lunch, movie (was a success) and a whole school field trip to Woodlawn

- Financial Request:
 - Tables ~\$2000 have been ordered
 - Request of purchase of 3 sets decodeable books each colour at ~\$300 (yellow, green, blue)
 - Moved to approve spending of \$2700 - Janet Wilson
 - Second - Kendra Bourgeois
 - Moved

- Curriculum Night in March
 - We will have a Literacy Night
 - Published author will do an opening
 - Teachers are currently making plans. To date there will be samples of written communications (letter writing), the steps to writing personal narrative, and story retelling.

Proposed next meeting dates: April 1, 2026 @ 6 pm

Meeting adjourned by: Janet Wilson

Seconded by: Rebecca Fahey