

Samuel W. Shaw School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2026, SWS Boardroom

Attendance (9)

Sky Mercier - Chairperson	Bobbi Kivi - Principal
Colton Mercier - Vice Chairperson	Kerry Green - Assistant Principal
Denis Bekkering - Secretary	
Shayla Heath	
Melanie Hersom	
Hilda Hernandez	
Kerry McCarthy	

1.0 Meeting called to order by Sky Mercier at 6:45 pm. Quorum achieved.

2.0 Sky Mercier motioned for approval of the meeting minutes for the November 20, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Shayla Heath.

3.0 Sky Mercier motioned for approval of the agenda for the January 22, 2026 meeting. Seconded by Shayla Heath.

4.0 Standing Business - Principal's Report/School Update

Principal Bobbi Kivi discussed a variety of data related to the school:

- According to the CBE Student Survey, 84% of students believe that learning and extracurriculars are safe and accessible to all students.
- According to the OurSCHOOL Survey, sense of belonging amongst students was trending upwards. For Grade 9 girls, for example, this increased from 55% to 79%.
- Progressive Discipline data revealed that in-school and out-of-school suspensions have reduced.

Bobbi then provided an update on the School Development plan, which has a focus on disciplinary literacy. She noted that 40% of students at the school are learning English as an Additional Language, and that 12% have assorted learning complexities. She also indicated that students are coming to the school with less language ability, overall.

Finally, Bobbi showed to those in attendance an interactive, SMATH model completed by Grade 5 students, complete with syringes that pushed coloured fluid through a mock cardiovascular

system. She situated the model as part of a broader learning project, which incorporated multiple approaches and methods. This included writing a scientific report using a set of required vocabulary. She noted that learning in this multimodal way increases student well-being.

5.0 Next Meeting

Will be held at the SWS boardroom, at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

6.0 Adjournment

Sky Mercier motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 6:58 pm. This was seconded by Denis Bekkering