



School Advisory Council Annual Report – June 2023

School	Halifax West High School
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Please list SAC members including names, membership type (i.e., parent, community member, staff), and role (i.e., Chair, Vice Chair).

Chair: Julie Gibson (Fairview Junior High Parent Rep)
 Parent: Allison Lawlor (Brookside Junior High & French Immersion Parent Rep)
 Parent: Natasha Williams (Clayton Park Junior High Parent Rep)
 Parent: Sheetal Ajay (Park West Junior High Parent Rep)
 Community Member: John Nisbet
 Community Member: vacant
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 Staff: Shelley Drake
 Staff: Nancie de la Chevotiere
 Staff: Jen Fougere
 Staff: Tanya Skelhorn
 Student: Sehej Bhasin (Grade 10 Rep)
 Student: Tasnima Fabiha (Grade 11 Rep)
 Student: Brea Roe (Grade 12 Rep)
 Student: Chloe Carabbacan (Student Government Co-President)

Please describe a summary of work undertaken by the SAC to improve student achievement and school performance.

SAC recognized the importance of supporting students and having students feel welcomed and safe. One area of focus was the library. We wanted to expand the seating to allow more students to use the library. With the purchase of a sofa/chair set, as well, as high top tables and stools we were able to provide additional seating and create unique areas for students to gather, socialize and work. The feedback was extremely positive from the student body.

Please list any significant milestones and success stories that the SAC would like to highlight.

We established a relationship with our SAC members, as new administration. We were able to secure a representative from each feeder school so that everyone had a voice at the table. We had valuable conversations around student achievement, well-being, and safety.

With the addition of the modular, the SAC provided insight and suggestions. When it was announced that Halifax West would be reconfiguring to include grade 9 students from Clayton park junior high, the SAC had concerns but we were able to establish open lines of communication and have discussion around the concerns. In the end, the SAC felt more confident that we would be prepared to be a 9-12 high school for the 2023-24 school year.

Please describe any related sub-committee work undertaken by SAC members (e.g., School Options Committee).

We did have two members of the SAC part take in the cafeteria tender process.

We also had two members sit on the grade 9 transition meeting.

Statements of Revenues and Expenditures:

Expenditures supporting the school improvement plan (e.g., providing resources to support math and literacy instruction).

Furniture for the library:

Tables and stools for additional seating \$3703.26
Lounge Chair/Sofa for comfortable reading area \$2564.25

Expenditures supporting policy development and implementation (e.g., supporting and promoting new policies).

Expenditures covering operational expenses; up to 20 per cent of provincial SAC funding may be used as operational expenses, if necessary, to encourage and support member participation).

Please return to School Supervisor by Monday, June 22, 2023. Thank you.