

Joseph Howe Elementary School Advisory Council

MEETING SUMMARY

19th November 2024, 6pm

1. Attendance (names and positions held)

- Michael MacDonald – Principal
- Phill Thomas – Vice Principal (Acting)
- Sara Jennex – Teacher
- Fatima Hussain – Parent
- Chloe Talarico – Community Member
- Sheleema Flint – Parent
- Samantha McPhee – Parent
- Whitney Clayton – Community Member
- YouthNet community representative

Apologies

- Laura Hutt – Schools Plus Outreach
- Jade Paris - Parent
- Julie Tannous – Teacher
- Paula Adams – Community Member
- Marika Paris - Parent

1. Call to order: Chair; Call to order time.

2. Introductions

- Welcomes
- New members introduced – see above

3. SAC Bylaws reviewed

- Purpose and document reviewed as an SAC
- Staff signed off – only change is to School improvement to be changed to SSP

4. Approval of October minutes

- Minutes reviewed and approved
 - All members agreed minutes to be true and accurate reflection

5. Business arising from the meeting summary

a. Volunteers – still little traction

- To be placed in next newsletter
- May be able to use SAC money for volunteer checks

6. School success plan update (SSP)

Goals reviewed

a. 69% of students meeting, students now in Grade 4 – Provincial assessment increased by 4% but still low.

b. Wellbeing – still working on supporting students to have a voice e.g. through circles. Improve the voice and choice of students.

Staff meeting today – examples of check ins in classroom

7. New business

- School Playground (small)
 - City needs to be involved in playground planning
 - Process discussed e.g. RFP
 - SAC discussed potential preferences
 - Rubber preferred over woodchips
 - 50% of money from PTA will go towards playground
 - \$150 000 – minimum for renewing the playground
 - Can apply for grants – may need to check with the HRCE
 - Sometimes a nonprofit e.g. YouthNet needs to apply for the grants
 - Can begin to apply for grants
 - SAC reviewed potential plans
 - Next time – start to plan what we think the playground should look like
 - Long term project – no timeline yet.

8. Finances

- SAC grant - \$5300
- Student Support Grant - \$5300
- Healthy Schools Grant - \$5300

Next meeting to discuss how to we should use SAC grant

9. 2024 – 2025 Registration

- Total population – 333
 - 1 more student than in September

10. Special Reports/School Events

- Basketball
- Lunch

- Choir Friday, Imhotep – Dal on Tuesdays, YMCA youth transitions program
Wednesday (Grade 5)
- Working on setting up LEGO club
- Remembrance Day
- Halloween Sock Hop
- Bus Evacuation drill
- NSTU PD Day (October 25th)

AOB

- N/A

8. Next meeting: January 21st 2025

9. Adjournment: 7.00pm