

Joseph Howe Elementary School Advisory Council

MEETING SUMMARY

21st January 2025, 6pm

1. Attendance (names and positions held)

- Michael MacDonald – Principal
- Sara Jennex – Teacher
- Julie Tannous – Teacher
- Laura Hutt – Schools Plus Outreach
- Samantha McPhee – Parent

Apologies

- Jade Paris - Parent
- Paula Adams – Community Member
- Marika Paris – Parent
- Phill Thomas – Vice Principal (Acting)
- Fatima Hussain– Parent
- Chloe Talarico – Community Member
- Sheleema Flint – Parent
- Whitney Clayton – Community Member
- YouthNet community representative

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

2. Introductions

- Welcomes
- NA

3. Approval of November minutes

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

4. Business arising from earlier meeting

NA

5. School success plan

Term 1 – 3 Reading data

	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
Meeting Overall	60%	61%	74%

ANS Meeting Overall	57%	63%	75%
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- SAC feel that this is good news for our school

- Concerns stay that this does not match the Provincial assessment results

6. New business

- Student Survey Review
 - Discussion on positive (increase in students who feel that they have one friend), area for development identified as students' not always feeling safe
- Photographer feedback
 - Much of it positive
 - Tina could send note about photos with demographics info.
 - Need to review how many people ordered
 - May need to support parents in a different way due to new company
 - Some concerns from parents raised e.g. about the ordering system

7. Finances

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

Next meeting to discuss how to we should use SAC grant

8. 2024 – 2025 Registration

- Total population – 346 has increased by 13
 - We continue to see growth in lower grades
 - Greatest increase noted as pre primary

10. Special Reports/School Events

- Lunch
 - Choir Friday, Imhotep – Dal on Tuesdays, YMCA youth transitions program Wednesday (Grade 5)
 - Thursday LEGO club
 - Tunnel Vision coming soon
- Soccer is back (Grammar Volunteers)
- Basketball ongoing
- Assemblies
 - Drumming
 - MLK Birthday Celebration
- Holiday Concerts
- Holly Days shopping

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- School lunch program

- Admin feel that the system is working well
- Families have some concerns about food and value for money

8. Next meeting: March 18th, 2024

9. Adjournment: 7.00pm