

Joseph Howe Elementary School Advisory Council

MEETING SUMMARY

21st October 2025, 6pm

1. Attendance (names and positions held)

- Michael MacDonald – Principal
- Phill Thomas – Vice Principal
- Samantha McPhee – Parent
- Sheleema Flint – Parent
- Chloe Talarico – Community Member
- Caitlin Wilson -v Teacher
- Shanika Barrett – Parent
- Sara Thompson – Teacher
- Sara Jennex – Teacher

Apologies

- Jade Paris - Parent
- Paula Adams – Community Member
- Fatima Hussain– Parent
- YouthNet community representative
- Laura Hutt – Schools Plus Outreach
- Marika Paris – Parent
- Whitney Clayton – Community Member

1. Call to order.

2. Introductions

- Welcomes
- Review of the role of the SAC and how it supports the school

3. SAC minutes approval

Minutes agreed for September by members

4. Chair election

Sam McPhee elected as chair

5. SAC Agreement

SAC agreement reviewed by all members of SAC

- SAC agreed that we should seek more representation of different members of our community
- Quorum for us is 5 – if less than 5 postpone voting until the next meeting

6. Business arising from earlier meeting

- Development of team of volunteers
 - Had many volunteers for recent trip
 - Need a system to share information with our volunteers

7. School success plan

- This drives school progress
- Goals are set in math, literacy and wellbeing
 - These goals were reviewed, and we will continue to provide data updates at SAC meetings.

8. New business

- Grade 3 data
 - Literacy
 - Improving each year
 - Still below where we want to be
 - Reading program is working and making an impact
 - Provincially e.g. writing is low
 - Next staff meeting look at having students write more
 - Math
 - Improving year on year
 - Need to maximise the tier 1 and support map
 - Comparing year on year is challenging due to change in population
- School Photos
 - Adams is coming tomorrow 22nd
- School Wide Trip
 - Buses cost \$5000, cheque for the visit was \$2800
 - Great parent feedback
 - \$5300 taken from student support grant
 - Proposed the remainder of SAC funds for entrance
 - About \$2500

9. Finances

- About \$15 000
- SAC grant -

- Student Support Grant - \$5300 used for the Noggins trip + Entrance 2300.
- Healthy Schools Grant -
 - Physical health

10. 2025 – 2026 Registration

- Total population – 331
 - Slight decrease from last year – pre-primary has fewer numbers this year
 - Numbers stable despite arrivals and departures

11. Special Reports/School Events

- School trip
 - Review of P – 2 trip
 - All staff and families all had positive reviews
- Tims Camp
 - Starting in the next month
- Hope Blooms collaboration
 - Science – working one class at a time
- Lunch activities
 - Imhotep (Tuesday)
 - Choir (Thursday)
 - Art Club – Monday
 - Tunnel Vison – Wednesday (Chris Johnsson)
 - Smaller group 5 – 7
 - First group already selected
- New mural
 - Cityscape
 - Joe Howe students in upper grades gave ideas
- Walking school bus
 - 5 families signed up
- PBIS

12. AOB

Next meeting: November 18th 2025

Adjournment: 7.00pm