

Joseph Howe Elementary School Advisory Council

MEETING SUMMARY

17th February 2026, 6pm

1. Attendance (names and positions held)

- Michael MacDonald – Principal
- Phill Thomas – Vice Principal
- Samantha McPhee – Parent SAC Chair
- Megan Mullen -- Parent
- Chloe Talarico – Community Member
- Caitlin Wilson - Teacher
- Sara Thompson – Teacher
- Sara Jennex – Teacher

Apologies

- Jade Paris - Parent
- Paula Adams – Community Member
- Fatima Hussain– Parent
- Marika Paris – Parent
- Whitney Clayton – Community Member
- Shanika Barrett – Parent
- Sheleema Flint – Parent
- Apollonia - YouthNet community representative

1. Call to order.

2. Introductions

- Welcome to all members

3. SAC minutes approval

Minutes agreed for November by members

4. Business arising from earlier meeting

- Spring fling –discussed in PTA

5. School success plan

Data collection

	Term 1	Term 2
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Primary	82% Meeting	75% Meeting
One	34% Meeting	39% Meeting
Two	47% Meeting	51% Meeting
Three	53% Meeting	64% Meeting
Four	69% Meeting	69% Meeting
Five	35% Meeting	50% Meeting

- Literacy data was collected in Term1 and January term 2
- Changes to universal screener
 - o 50 – 70% upper grade
- A lot of changes in student population
 - o About 25 students in and out
- LC Supported students – larger than average population here
 - o e.g. 33% students in grade 1 have an LC supported student (allocated)

8. New business

- LC Room from community member donation
 - o Updated and purchases made
 - o SAC visit to the room
 - o Assembly as part of African Heritage Month
- Early literacy
 - o Request for purchases e.g. Vowel valleys, books for read aloud
 - o \$235 approved for purchase
 - Vowel valley's TBD after next PLC
- Photography
 - o Looking to ask for a 3 year contract
 - o Will look to choose in April – have them present to SAC
 - Adams, Harvey Studios

7. Finances

- SAC Grant: 2800\$ (remaining)
 - o Noggins Entry Fee: 2507.48
- Student Support Grant: 0\$ (remaining)
 - o Bussing to Noggins Trip: 5086.96

- Healthy Schools Grant: 5300\$ (update TBD)
 - Dance instructor for assemblies, African drumming for assemblies, outdoor equipment

8. 2025 – 2026 Registration (330)

- We have had 23 new students in and 35 students exit

9. Special Reports/School Events

- Tim Horton's Camp Collaboration wrapped up with Grade 5's
- Hope Blooms Collaboration has moved to a second Grade 4 Class
- Trips to: the Art Gallery (most classes have been), skating, Stad
- Learning Centre Donation - items have arrived
 - Tour of the new space
 - Suggestion of having mural/posters to improve feel of room
- Lunch Activities - Choir/Imhotep (STEM)/Tunnel Vision/chess/creative club/basketball/soccer/math club/Lego
- Principal's Advisory Council - met with the Library Team (North End Library)
- PTA - Holly Days/Craft Fair/Teacher Treats
- Basketball Games are underway
- MLK Birthday Assembly
- Holiday Cards to Northwood

12. AOB

- Snow days and late starts
 - SAC discussed the pros and cons of delays and cancellations
 - Principal to share with HRCE

Next meeting: May 5th 2026 (moved from April)

Adjournment: 7.00pm