

School Advisory Council

Annual Report – June 2025

School

Cunard Junior High

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

Name	Membership Type	Role
Jillian Sabadash	Staff (Principal)	Member
Mary Middleton	Staff (Vice Principal)	Secretary/Recorder
Adele Badcock	Teacher	Member
Tanya Conrad	Parent	Chair
Dawn Myra	Community Member	Co-chair
Julie Bulmer	Parent	Member
Vivienne Achenbach	Student	Member
Mary Johns	Student	Member

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

Throughout the 2024-2025 school year, the SAC actively supported initiatives to enhance student achievement and school performance by:

- Collaborating with school administration to monitor and review student population growth and staffing needs.
- Supporting the implementation of school-wide policies such as the cell phone policy and safety protocols (lockdowns, fire drills).
- Promoting student engagement through extracurricular activities and clubs, including offerings such as Afro Dance Club, Improv, and Reading Rumlbers.
- Advocating for academic supports with the assignment and return of dedicated Math and Literacy support teachers and coaches.

- Supporting targeted School Success Plan (SSP) goals focusing on literacy, math, and well-being, especially for African Nova Scotian and Indigenous learners.
- Encouraging student leadership and recognition programs including Clipper Captains and the “Beacons of Light” shout out wall.
- Facilitating communication between parents, staff, and community through regular newsletters, website updates, and social media.

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

- Successful launch and positive reception of the cell phone policy, leading to improved classroom engagement.
- Development, student engagement and SAC involvement in the launch of the updated school logo
- SAC involvement in designing student initiatives in the development of a mission statement
- Highly attended Curriculum Night and Orientation Workshops fostering strong parent-school connections.
- Successful first school dance with strong student attendance and positive feedback.
- Launch of the Family SOS supported hot lunch program with growing participation and positive community feedback.
- Expansion of student clubs and activities, including new culturally responsive clubs like the Afro Dance Club and support for student well-being groups such as Y Minds.
- Recognition initiatives such as the “Beacons of Light” wall and Clipper Captains promoting positive student leadership.
- Increased school population managed successfully despite challenges with space, with ongoing discussions for solutions.
- Continued smooth execution of safety protocols including lockdowns, hold-and-secure, and fire drills.
- Successful implementation of Ramadan accommodations and culturally inclusive activities during African Nova Scotian Month.

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

- SAC members have actively participated in sub-committees related to student well-being and cultural inclusivity, including planning for African Nova Scotian Month activities.

- Participation in school safety sub-committees overseeing drill protocols and early dismissal planning following a watermain break.
 - Engagement with school staffing and enrollment committees addressing challenges related to class sizes and space management.
 - Support and feedback for the development of school recognition and leadership initiatives, such as Clipper Captains and “Beacons of Light.”
 - Contributions to the organization and promotion of school events such as dances, spirit weeks, and food drives.
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Statements of Revenues and Expenditures:

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

- Funding allocated to literacy and math support
- Purchase of academic resources and activity materials supporting literacy and numeracy interventions especially focused on providing academic materials for our EAL learners.
- Costs associated with improving school culture and community (purchases of new signage, jerseys and other printed materials).

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

- Funding for safety equipment and visibility tools as part of the Safe Schools initiative (e.g., red “C” arm bands for field trips, mission statement signage, Service of others signage)

Expenditures covering operational expenses (up to 20% of provincial SAC funding):

- Support for member participation including refreshments at meetings and communication expenses
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Please return to School Supervisor by Monday, June 16, 2025. Thank you.