



School Advisory Council Annual Report – June 2023

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

Principal: Sabitha Masih/Jillian Sabadash
Vice Principal: Jillian Sabadash/Jada Moshett-Crawford (Secretary)
Chair : Tanya Conrad
Vice Chair/Parent : Lisa Phinney
School Representative : Mandy Smith
Teacher: Kim Myers-Stuart/Emma Rose/ Meghan Andrea/Angela Gillis/Debbie Noonan
Parent: Craig Myra
Parent: Dawn Myra
Community Member: Constable Jenna Clarke
Student Representative: Lainey Conrad
Student Representative: Rudaba Mahmud
Student Representative: Payton Comeau
Student Representative: Nina Aube
Student Representative: Arden Foster

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

- Reviewed gaps identified early by staff as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic and discussed ways staff were working to improve student achievement in Literacy and Math.
- Identified ways SAC could support school spirit and well-being as they were identified as clear areas of concern.
- Reviewed, discussed and provided input on the student success plan.
- Reviewed and discussed the professional development offered to teachers throughout the year to support students

- Made decisions about how SAC funding could be allocated to support student achievement and well-being.
- Reviewed practices and events that support culturally relevant practices used to support student success.
- Discussed reconfiguration of classes in October and provided feedback on decisions to best support student achievement
- Discussed and supported the new contract for school photography for the upcoming year
- Literacy staff identified specific areas needing improvement to help close the gap. SAC offered funds next year to support the running of specific programming to improve achievement in these areas.
- Advised principal about and provided input on regular school communication effectiveness and ways to support home/school relationships
- Discussed the new re-configuration process that had occurred in the community and how best to support well-being and achievement for incoming students.

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

- SAC supported the use of orientation workshops the first week of school to unify students and offer students insight on the expectations that are in place throughout the year. Students worked through team-building activities, engaged in culturally relevant activities to promote awareness and acceptance as well as themes including cyberbullying, well-being, leadership and school spirit.
- Moved from virtual SAC meetings to in-person meetings in April
- Made improvement and are continuing to gain ground to have a crosswalk put in across Williams Lake road in front of the school.
- Supported Principal transition as the Vice Principal moved into the Principal's role.
- SAC members volunteered and supported the school's community food drive.
- SAC members helped seek out resources required to improve well-being (ie. School DJ for dances, coaches, speakers, home alone programs, etc.)
- SAC discussed the importance of positive communication sent to parents weekly and supported the installation of a new school sign to improve communication.
- SAC discussed, provided input and feedback on the new configuration process in the community and supported Administration's plan to ensure a smooth transition for incoming students and their families.

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

- Home and School Committee was developed to offer a team that could help design and create fundraising opportunities for the school. Home and School committee met twice since the development and determined a plan moving forward for next year.
- Home and School Committee along with SAC will support the curriculum night by organizing an ice cream social for students and their families.
- Home and School Committee supports and will be working toward the return to the annual Christmas Craft Fair held at Cunard.

Statements of Revenues and Expenditures:

Total Funds \$8040.23

Approx. Carry Over: \$1049.48

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

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- Additional books to support reading Approx. \$1100.00
- Purchase of literacy and Phonological Awareness materials for trained staff to administer \$595.00
- School sign \$5295.75 which promoted literacy and Math activities going on at the school as well as one side being used in accordance with Math, Literacy and Well-being themes, quotes and skill testing questions.

This year our main focus was on student well-being and literacy. While ongoing work continued in Math, for Literacy, students had worked toward building up to 10 minutes of silent reading after the pandemic last year. SAC supported programming and purchases to allow the literacy team to focus on getting books in hands early and improving achievement in reading and writing. Improvement was unbelievably high and students exceeded the expectations.

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

Expenditures covering operational expenses; up to 20 per cent of provincial SAC funding may be used as operational expenses, if necessary, to encourage and support member participation).

- Used funding toward the installation of the new school sign to improve communication and encourage parent and community participation in events. (\$5295.75)
- We worked on providing a safe and healthy environment to learn while building a sense of school spirit. Students and families reported the building was old and would like to see improvement to create a more welcoming space. SAC supported the installation of the new sign and are working closely with school Admin around plans to further improve the look and feel at Cunard.

Please return to School Supervisor by Monday June 26, 2023. Thank you.