



School Advisory Council Annual Report – June 2025

School	Smokey Drive Elementary
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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).

Shanna Thompson – Co Chair/Parent Representative
Kara Hobbs – Co Chair/Parent Representative
Katie MacPherson – Vice Chair/Parent Representative
Katrina Longard - Principal
Christina Garrett - Vice Principal
Tera Belfield – Teacher
Michelle Sparkes - Teacher
Deanna Jones - Parent Representative
Lindsay McKay - Parent Representative
Daniece Brade - Parent Representative

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

When the School Advisory Council (SAC) funds school field trips, it directly supports student achievement and school performance by enriching classroom learning with real-world experiences. Recent trips to the Discovery Centre, Shubenacadie Wildlife Park, and Hatfield Farms have sparked curiosity, deepened understanding of curriculum topics, and promoted social-emotional growth. These hands-on learning opportunities help students make meaningful connections between what they learn in class and the world around them, leading to greater engagement, improved attendance, and stronger academic outcomes. By investing in these experiences, the SAC plays a vital role in creating a dynamic, inclusive, and inspiring learning environment for all students.

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

This year at Smokey Drive Elementary, we are proud to reflect on the resilience and growth our school community has experienced. Despite the challenges of recent years, we have seen remarkable progress and moments of success that have shaped our school's culture and atmosphere.

Student Wellness & Enrichment:

Field trips have been a cornerstone of this year's educational experience, offering students the chance to explore beyond the classroom and engage with the world in new, meaningful ways. These experiences have not only broadened their horizons but have also contributed to the overall well-being and happiness of our students.

A Fresh Vibe:

The energy at Smokey Drive Elementary has shifted in a positive direction. There's a noticeable difference in the atmosphere—the halls are filled with laughter, excitement, and a renewed sense of community. The collaboration between students, staff, and families has fostered a vibrant and welcoming environment for all.

Resilience & Reconnection:

This year, we have been able to come back together in ways that were previously unimaginable. Our collective resilience has been on full display, as we've navigated challenges and reconnected as a school community. From classroom collaborations to school-wide events, we've proven that with perseverance, we can overcome anything.

As we look to the future, Smokey Drive Elementary continues to be a place where students thrive, grow, and feel supported. We are excited to build on these successes and continue fostering an environment where every student feels valued and empowered.

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

N/A

Statements of Revenues and Expenditures:

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

Field Trips – Total: \$5099.46

P's and 1's – \$762.36

1's and 2's – \$1384.38

3's – \$1088.75

4's and 5's - \$1863.97

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

N/A

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).

Snacks for meetings

\$47.34

\$20.73

SAC membership dinner - \$200.27

Total: \$268.34

Please return to School Supervisor by Monday, June 16, 2025. Thank you.