



School Advisory Council Annual Report – June 2026

School	Hawthorn Elementary School
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SAC Chair: Sean Sullivan			
SAC Parent members: Kate MacDonald Emily Mercer Scott McGaw Meghan Mombourquette	SAC Community Members: Donna Gillispie	SAC Staff Members: Sheri Stulac Alison Campbell Candice Bambury Debra Copeman	SAC Students Members: N/A

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

Hawthorn Elementary School Advisory Council (SAC) Annual Summary 2025–2026

Throughout the 2025–2026 school year, the Hawthorn Elementary School Advisory Council (SAC) supported the school's Student Success Plan, with a focus on improving literacy, mathematics, and student well-being, particularly for African Nova Scotian and Indigenous students.

The SAC reviewed student achievement data throughout the year and supported targeted literacy and math interventions by funding classroom resources, including math manipulatives, literacy materials, culturally responsive books, author visits, speakers, and the Hackmatack Reading Program.

To promote student well-being and belonging, the SAC supported initiatives that celebrated diversity, culture, and inclusion, including African Heritage Month programming, Mi'kmaq cultural learning, speakers, belonging assemblies, student leadership opportunities, and a

variety of student clubs. Funding was also provided for playground equipment, sensory supports, school supplies, and resources that encouraged student participation and inclusion. The SAC advocated for safe and welcoming learning environments through discussions around school security, code of conduct implementation, and community engagement.

Members also supported volunteer involvement, community asset mapping, and advocacy efforts related to library services and school infrastructure.

Through regular review of school improvement data, strategic funding decisions, and strong collaboration among families, staff, administration, and community members, the SAC contributed to improved student engagement, achievement, and a strong sense of belonging at Hawthorn Elementary School.

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

- The Innovation Grant was a huge success. All the students in the school took part in writing and creating around the local landmarks and historical artifacts. Students were highly engaged in this process.
- The Asset Mapping- ongoing project, our SAC wants to actively involve more families and community members in our school.
- The SAC supported enrichment within the Physical Education program, providing opportunities for all students to participate, engage, and play together in an inclusive environment.

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

Asset mapping- Ms. Sheri Stulac, Ms. Julia Stephenson and Ms. Tina Waterhouse. Met and plan to continue the work in the fall. With a focus on various time commitments and opportunities for community involvement.

Statements of Revenues and Expenditures:

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

- Classroom items Grade 2 Math Manipulatives and noise cancelling headphones- \$127.66
- Grade 2 base ten kits- \$2072.04
- Individual White boards (UFLI instruction)- \$147.82
- Tattletales books – enriching library to be more culturally responsive - \$223.03
- Hackmatack registration fee- (book club)- \$35
- Playground equipment- \$766.77
- Guest speaker Julia Tynes (African Heritage Month)- \$1140.00
- Enrichment items Councillor room- \$109.30
- Math cards and decodable texts for Primary- \$318.57
- Tattletales- Hackmatack books for book club- \$309.45
- Noise cancelling headphones- \$62.69
- Curling Stones Kit PE- \$1 318.06
- Writers Federation of Nova Scotia Author visit- \$87.50
- Birthday Pencils- \$150
- *School wide white boards- Cost \$3240.04*
- *Speaker for Black Excellence Day- \$200 Paul Adams Junior*
- **Badminton Shuttle Launcher- \$396.85.**
- **\$150 for Hackmatack Virtual author visit Calyssa**

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).

N/A

Please return to School Supervisor by **Monday, June 15, 2026**. Thank you.