

## SAC News

### October 2025 Edition

#### SAC Meeting Schedule & Communication

The School Advisory Council (SAC) held its first meeting of the year on September 25. To keep the school community informed, updates will be shared after each meeting through School Messenger and included in the school newsletter.

#### SAC Budget Update – Learning Table Purchase

The SAC's first purchase of the year was decided upon at the September meeting - a learning table for the additional learning centre. Last year, the SAC purchased a much loved and used table for one learning centre - now that there are two learning centres, an additional table is required.

SACs determine spending priorities for the provincial funds allocated (currently, **\$5,000** plus \$1 for each student) each school year) to support student achievement.

#### 2025-26 SAC Priorities

To guide how the remaining budget funds are spent, the SAC must first determine its priorities. These priorities are rooted in the school's **Student Success Plan**, which focuses on enhancing student achievement and well-being.

The SAC will vote to finalize 2025-26 priorities at the October meeting and communicate final priorities in the November edition of SAC News.

At the September SAC meeting, members reaffirmed that all priorities must align with the Student Success Plan. While raising awareness about online safety was recognized as an important issue, bringing in a guest speaker was determined to be outside the scope of the SAC's current resources. As a result, the planned speaker for April was cancelled. We are still looking at alternative ways to bring information to families.

#### Innovation Fund

The SAC is gathering ideas to apply for SAC Innovation Funds.

Do you have an innovative idea for a school project? We're especially interested in ideas that support:

- Well-being: creating safe, comfortable, connected learning environments
- Writing: enhancing writing schools and enjoyment through mini-lessons and creative approached

[Last year](#), 26 projects (out of 128 applications) were supported with a grant of up to **\$10,000** each, to test an idea, which if successful, could be expanded to other schools. Projects were [evaluated](#) on multiple factors, including impact to student achievement and well-being and innovation (how is this project new, different and innovative)? A list of the funded projects from last year is available here: [sac\\_innovation\\_fund\\_successfulprojects\\_en.pdf](#)

### Grade Six Student Representative

SAC By-laws permit the participation of a grade six students on the SAC. Meetings are virtual and are typically held at 3:30pm. Interested families should contact Principal Hawkes.

### Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming SAC Meetings (@3:30PM, virtual - meetings are virtual and open to everyone)

November 6

December (no meeting)

January 8

February 5

March (no meeting)

April 16

May (no meeting)

June 4

### Get Involved & Contact Us

Have an idea or input you want to share with the SAC? Contact [hrce-sac-crp@gnspes.ca](mailto:hrce-sac-crp@gnspes.ca)

Interested in becoming a member of the SAC? Parents/guardians and community members who want to get involved in their school's SAC can contact the school principal. Opportunities for membership typically arise at the end of each school year.

To learn more, visit [School Advisory Councils | Education and Early Childhood Development](#) or read the handbook [School Advisory Council](#)