



## School Advisory Council Annual Report – June 2024

School	West Bedford 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).

1. **Co-Chair:** Sarah Jeans
2. **Co-Chair:** Nkem Emezio-Ejinima
3. **Principal:** Sean MacDonald
4. **Vice Principal:** Alison Walker
4. **Support Staff (Library Specialist):** Sara McManus
5. **Teacher Representative:** Keith Demone
6. **Teacher Representative:** Vanessa Turner
7. **Teacher Representative:** Tricia Schmeisser
8. **Parent Representative:** Glenda Lush (treasurer)
9. **Parent representative:** Funmi Irabor
10. **Parent Representative:** Gaurav Garg
11. **Student Representative:** Natasha Kottappurath (grade 9)
12. **Community Member:** Tina Parker (secretary)
13. **Community Member:** Sarah Jeans
14. **Student Representative:** Connor Amero/Marley Hawker (grade 10)

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

- 1) We have provided funding to support student club fair and starting cost for each club. Each club was given a specific amount of money to get started and help build the culture of the school.

- 2) We have been there to support the principal and staff in the implementation of a Student Success Plan for a new school and hear how it is progressing. School shared SSP data in Math, Literacy and Well Being. School did their own well being survey at beginning of the year because they had no data being a new school.
- 3) We have supported the principal in communication home to families, by suggesting it be by email only, as the phone call portion was not necessary if the memo is sent out the same time each week. A weekly communication is sent home every Sunday at 6:00pm to update families on the week to come.
- 4) We brought up questions and concerns around the self-directed learning model and how it was being received and implemented. Student voice at the meetings was very helpful in understanding how the model was working and how teachers were responding to student needs.
- 5) We have taken part in the school branding process, multiple meetings with Jostens, community feedback from surveys to get the brand right. Go wolves!! "Together we Thrive" came out as our school motto.
- 6) Many discussions around what to do with SAC funds. Most options were around school branding, settling on logo/design in the gym.
- 7) We have provided the positive support for the principal and staff during our meetings as we hear how staff are continuing their path of creating a community spirit.
- 8) Student representatives have provided great feedback with many great things being developed by the students, principal, and staff.
- 9) We have provided feedback on the HRCE website, Food and Nutrition policy, local voice, Cell phone policy, Code of Conduct
- 10) Committee By Laws and Agreement were reviewed and signed.
- 11) Reviewed procedures related to parking and dropping off students with the Principal and Halifax Police constables and supported the change of procedure.
- 12) Letter was written to HRCE in concern of the lack of cameras in the school and school safety.

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

We established an SAC for a new school- creating SAC by-laws and an agreement that is now signed.

Branding of the school - West Bedford Wolves!!

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

**Statements of Revenues and Expenditures:**

Expenditures supporting the school improvement plan (e.g., providing resources to support math and literacy instruction).
Money for Clubs to Support Well Being. Amount used by clubs - \$697.21
Money for Branding of the school – Gym logo (building the culture of the school). \$4489.57 towards logo in gym – remainder of balance paid by school.

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).
Food costs for meetings - \$236.22

Please return to School Supervisor by Monday, June 14, 2024. Thank you.