



School Advisory Council Annual Report – June 2023

School	Dartmouth South Academy
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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).

Pierre Yves LeFalher – parent/chair
Lyndsy Kiritsis – parent
Nicole Brooks – parent
Ally MacQueen – staff
Melodie Edwards – staff
Debby MacDonald – staff
Juniper Richards - student

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

- **iPads for EAL students to scan text and communicate:** iPads offer translation technologies that aren't possible on the chromebook for EAL students to be able to communicate. We have more newcomer families this year and we purchased iPads from SAC funds to help in removing barriers to students' ability to communicate, and help them to be successful in their learning.
- **iPads for Learning Centre:** some LC students aren't able to log on easily to a chromebook, nor can they access specific apps that are helpful to them. We purchased iPads so that they can access the technology more easily.
- **P-2 literacy resources:** The new P-2 program has been very successful, we have many primaries already transitioning to levels C & D. Level C is the benchmark for the end of the year in primary. We did not have enough level B books to go around, so students are repeating books. Also, for guided groups there were not enough copies to

properly host a guided group. SAC purchased 646 levelled books to support our P-2 literacy initiative.

- **Grade 8 Clothing:** SAC subsidized the cost of grade 8 class of 23 hoodies to make the cost affordable for all of our grade 8 students.

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

- Purchasing books for the P-2 literacy initiative: Primary students can go “shopping” for books to put in their take home bags as we have a larger selection of books at their level.
- Purchase of iPads to support our learners: We now have EAL and Learning Centre students who are better able to access the curriculum through the use of technology. They have made huge gains in their learning.
- We have some money available if we need to purchase additional chromebooks to continue our 1-1 technology for our growing student population.

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).

\$2000 leveled books from Pearson
\$2000 iPads

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).

\$206.69 Food for SAC meetings

Please return to School Supervisor by Monday, June 22, 2023. Thank you.