



School Advisory Council Annual Report – June 2026

School	John MacNeil Elementary School
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SAC Chair:			
SAC Parent members: Ewi Jr Poblete (Chair) Minakshi Varma (Secretary) Velda Colley (grandparent)	SAC Community Members: Lenufer Yeasmin	SAC Staff Members: Melissa MacKenzie Emily Ormonde Elizabeth McPherson Neil Finley (VP) Jan Gillespie (P)	SAC Students Members: N/A

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

PBIS Development and Family Feedback: This year, the SAC supported the development of the school's PBIS matrix and gathered parent feedback to help inform this work.

Support for the School Success Plan: The SAC also advanced School Success Plan priorities by approving classroom purchases that strengthened literacy, STEM learning, and student well-being. These included decodable books, UFLi materials to support more interactive literacy instruction, and LEGO STEM kits.

Review of policies: With a new Chair this year, we spent time reviewing new policies around the provincial code of conduct, the attendance policy, and a review of the new curriculum to support the work we are focused on around student achievement and well-being.

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

For the first time in several years, the SAC planned and hosted two community-building events. One in December 2025, a Multicultural collaboration – Potluck and Storytelling Evening. This consisted of families sharing rich foods that represented our families' cultures to share while learning about traditions celebrated in our community of North Dartmouth.

Also on Saturday, June 13 we hosted a community BBQ and Spring fair. The event brought together families and community organizations to celebrate our school community and strengthen partnerships with outside agencies that directly support our families.

Participating organizations and supporters included the North Branch Library, Boys and Girls Club of Canada, North Grove, the Bangladesh Association of Nova Scotia, and Nourish Nova Scotia, along with support from local and provincial political representatives.

In addition to celebrating community connections, the event helped raise awareness of the SAC's role and encouraged greater family engagement and support for future community outreach initiatives.

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).

169.00 – math and literacy supplies P-2
 242.11 – counting and alphabet decals for the halls to support movement and learning
 1772.04 – Decodable Books – P-2
 1671.98 – Lego Spark STEM kids (3)
 359.40 – Phonics Blending Boards
 192.89 – white board markers, magnetic letters (supplies for UFLi phonics program)
 Total: \$4407.42

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).

Food purchased for the event - \$552.76 (hotdogs (Halal option), water, juice boxes, and Freezies)

Mad Science presentation - \$313.50

Total: \$863.50

*Donations from political representatives \$650 were used to support the event

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