



School Advisory Council Annual Report – June 2026

School	Harbour View Elementary School
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SAC Chair: Kim Dares			
SAC Parent members: Haley Robichaud Kathleen Langille	SAC Community Members: Sharon Himmelman	SAC Staff Members: Dan Fournier Abby Stewart Leanne McPhee Madelyn Horne Beth Stuart	SAC Students Members:

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

Throughout the 2025-2026 school year, the Harbour View SAC focused its efforts on student success planning (SSP), regional feedback, and school climate improvement.

- **Student Success Planning (SSP) & Academic Monitoring:** The SAC actively reviewed student achievement data to inform support strategies. We analyzed the Grade 6 Provincial Assessment results, celebrating a higher passing rate in Mathematics than the regional average, which strongly correlates with our focus on student belonging. The council also received regular updates on the implementation of the new Primary–Grade 2 Early Literacy Intervention Model, noting positive data from literacy coaches regarding student progress.
- **Home-School Literacy Alignment:** In response to reading data, the SAC engaged in meaningful dialogue around supporting parents with literacy at home. Discussion focused on equipping parents with resources to reinforce UFLI methods, ensuring consistency in letter sound pronunciation between home and school.
- **School Climate & Community Events:** Recognizing that a positive school climate directly supports academic engagement, the SAC prioritized student well-being. The council initiated a school dance for Valentine's Day. Furthermore, looking to revive historical school structures and bring families back into the building, the SAC initiated

the development of a dedicated Spring Fling committee. This committee successfully organized and hosted Harbour View's first-ever "Spring Fling" community event, supported by the SAC.

- **Regional & Provincial Feedback:** In alignment with HRCE requests, the Chair shared key reflections and insights gained from attending the Provincial SAC Conference in November. Additionally, the council participated in providing feedback for the HRCE School Advisory Council Feedback & Question Submission from the Regional Executive Director.
- **Safety and Operations:** The SAC acted as an advisory body for critical school-ground adjustments, navigating parking lot safety issues by supporting the implementation of entryway cones during peak times and requesting extra crosswalks from the City Councillor.

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

The SAC would like to highlight several key milestones that promoted community pride and school culture this year:

- **The Inaugural Spring Fling:** A massive milestone for our school community was the execution of the first-ever Spring Fling. Spearheaded by a collaborative planning committee, the event successfully secured entertainment, paid deposits, and partnered with local lunch vendor Upward Mobility to provide food assistance for families.
- **School Climate and Community Initiatives:** Harbour View hosted heavily supported community events that directly bolstered school spirit. These included a Holiday Concert, a School Market, a Holiday Toy Drive, a Pancake Breakfast, and the afternoon Valentine's Day Dance. These were backed by community donations and immense staff volunteer hours.
- **Athletics & Extracurriculars:** The Harbour View Basketball team served as a massive milestone for school pride. The school successfully hosted an 8-team basketball tournament supported by staff volunteers, which drew immense praise from visiting schools and served as a powerful community-building event.
- **Enrichment and Guests:** Students benefited from elite community exposure, including an inspirational assembly with Canada basketball athlete Daneesha Provo, a presentation by the Neptune Theatre, and a physical education visit from the Halifax Thunderbirds lacrosse team and the United Dartmouth Football Club.
- **Capital and Facility Upgrades:** The school successfully saw the completion of major facility upgrades, including the installation of a new security system and improved exterior lighting.

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

- **Spring Fling & Event Sub-Committees:** The SAC worked in close collaboration with the School Climate Committee to help plan school-wide initiatives like the Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Remembrance Day, and the Black History Month project. Dedicated sub-committee work was established to manage the logistics, entertainment bookings, and vendor outreach for the history-making Spring Fling event. Future discussions also included forming a volunteer sub-committee to support the music teacher with winter concert planning.
- **Youth Engagement Grant:** The council monitored a student-led project funded by a Capital Health Youth Engagement Grant. Students learned project planning firsthand, spearheading ideas such as adding basketball nets to the side of the school, bathroom beautification, and playground bins.

Statements of Revenues and Expenditures: Budget- \$5347

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

Classroom Supply Allocation: Approved a \$100 budget per teacher to purchase localized materials to directly boost learning environments. \$1400

Targeted Literacy Resources: Approved a requested proposal from Primary Teachers for fine-tip whiteboard markers, a printing line stamp, and pencil grips to directly support intensive UFLI letter formation and literacy instruction. \$150

Expenditures supporting policy development and implementation (e.g., supporting and promoting new policies).

School Spirit & Student Well-Being: Approved the purchase of "Super Bee" T-shirts utilized as rewards/prizes during our Super Bee Assemblies. This directly aligns with provincial and regional student well-being policies by fostering school pride, peer engagement, and a strong sense of student belonging. \$1100

Community Connection & School Climate: Funds were intentionally set aside and used to secure entertainment bookings and deposits for Harbour View's first-ever "Spring Fling" community event. This initiative brought families into the school building, bridging the gap between home and community. \$2000

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).

Member Appreciation & Collaboration: Utilized operational funds to host the final SAC meeting of the year at a local restaurant, providing dinner for the group. This expenditure supported member participation, recognized the council's volunteer efforts, and strengthened working relationships heading into the next school year. \$300

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