



## School Advisory Council Annual Report – June 2023

School	Nelson Whynder
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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).

Renise Cain - Parent/Chair  
Corvell Beals - Parent/Vice Chair  
Teaira Cain - Community/Secretary  
Shanea Sparks Community  
Tahirah Smith - Parent  
Coulter Simmonds - Community  
Jean Simmons - Staff  
Ashanda Beals - Staff  
Amie Carnes-Arsenault – Staff

Anne Johnson-McDonald & April Desmond – Administrators, non-voting

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

SAC members met monthly with a combination of in-person and virtual meetings. During each meeting they were given an update on the activities of the school and at the end of each term assessment data graphs were presented. We discussed and decided upon priorities for the spending of funds to support the goals of SSP and STEM. As a collective group we engaged in contributing to the following:

- Attended SAC Professional Development in November (SAC Chair & Principal)
- Completed School Food & Nutrition Policy Survey June 2023

SAC is committed to supporting the academic achievement and well-being of students. In the Fall, SAC suggested the purchase of the Black Gold Project Affirmation Cards for each class. We also approved the purchase of literacy & math resources, STEM supplies, as well as equipment to support classrooms & library (Bookshelves, reading mats etc.). Our major activity for the year was the parent engagement event described in detail in the next section.

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

Our SAC hosted a parent conference with the theme *Africentricity in Action*. Our goal was to provide parents with information on what Africentricity is and the connectedness to Education and cultural responsiveness in policy and day to day practice. This in turn will empower parents in their advocacy and support of school improvement and student success. We welcomed keynote speaker Rachel Ross along with additional presenters Ken Fells and Karen Hudson. The day also consisted of rotating workshops in Literacy, Social Studies and STEM facilitated by NWES teachers/SAC members and a panel of community partners in education who represented the following organizations: United for Literacy Preston Township Program, Preston Area Learning Skills (PALS), and the BEA Cultural Academic and Enrichment Program (CAEP). Babysitting was available for SAC members and participants as needed.

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

The sub-committee did the initial planning for the Africentric Parent conference.

### **Statements of Revenues and Expenditures:**

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

Balance Forward 2022 – 2,886.31

2022/2023 Grant - \$5,075.00

Total Balance available for 2022/2023 – 7,847.94

Literacy Resources – 1,816.60 Math Resources - \$640.49 STEM supplies – \$292.38 Presenter honorariums - \$425.00 Library/Classroom Equipment & Supplies (bookshelves, reading mats) - \$455.40. Total - \$3444.87
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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).
Meals & refreshments for meetings/SAC activities - 267.77

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