

Dartmouth High School  
School Advisory Council

Chairperson: Paul Black  
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**Minutes for Meeting on November 4th, 2024 - 5:30pm**

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**1. PRESENT**

- Eartha Mondard, Phillip MacEachern, Greg Brophy, Terri-Lynn Rapitta, Shirlene Dancause, Jane Brison, Rosella Winship, Jimmy Tia (Student Council)
- Regrets: Paul Black, Melanie Ellis, Elizabeth MacPherson, Lisa Glennie

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

- Terri-Lynn Rapitta called the meeting to order.

**3. AGENDA** – was approved as circulated.

**4. MINUTES** – Minutes of the Sept 23rd, 2024 meeting were approved. **Amendments** - Melanie Ellis was present, spelling correction Shirlene Dancause

**5. Student Council Report** (Jimmy Tia) - Humans vs Zombies, ????

**6. SAC PD conference** - Sept 27th -

Terri-Lynn

- School Safety
  - Cell Phone directive - positive feedback from students (positive changes)
  - Innovation - grants to SAC to better schools
  - Lunch Programs - rolled out to elementary now. Within 2 years, all students in NS will have access to free lunch.
  - Dr Sam (Keynote) - Mental Health Issues today (especially in youth) - various reasons discussed. "Taking care of each other is how we build mental health."
  - Substance use Directive

Phillip

- SAC Innovation Fund - grants up to \$10 000
  - Tips on applying
  - Connected to SSP
  - Funds spent within one year
  - Proposals have to outline all expenses
  - Reflection to be completed at the end
- Policy Creation
  - RCEs/EECD/CSAP - PEPC (Public Education Policy Coordination Committee)

- SAC can raise concern(s) and initiate policy creation

Terri-Lynn

- Literacy Instruction in School
  - Ensure literacy skills early (phonics and phonetic awareness)
  - Grades P-2 - clear expectations to/for teachers
  - Literacy across subjects
  - Age appropriate skills
- Math
  - Strengthen foundational skills
  - New curriculum for Math 10
  - Connect math to future opportunities
  - Build student interest and confidence in math
- Fireside chat - Dr. Strang (safety)

## 7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Greg and Phillip - SSP - Goals
  - (Mathematics/Literacy) - same as last year (varied instruction and writing)
  - Well-Being - changed this year to a focus on safety (informed by student success survey and teacher thoughts)
  - student survey to be sent out soon for student feedback
- Eartha - Leadership Standards for Administrators
  - Need to demonstrate we are making progress in these standards (reflection)
- New Chromebooks requested/received (60)
  - Issues with students having multiple Chromebooks.
- Jane Brison - carts per classrooms instead
- Greg - WVPP (see notes)
  - Generic response protocol/4 risks and preventative measures discussed with staff and placed on JOHSC board
  - 4 Risks discussed with SAC
- Eartha
  - Tara Arseneau to CPA - Admin (returning Feb 1st)
  - Kenzie Green has taken over has received training
  - Peace Conference Legacy Artwork at the main door
  - Nominated for Empowering Youth Medal (20 seats to attend ceremony) at Pier 21

- 24 ANS students to StFX for Black Excellence Day
- MADD Canada - presentation Nov 5th (Grade 12s)
- Nov 21st - Multimedia presentation with *Live Different*
- Student of the Month for October being chosen presently
- Prom Committee - parents have been in touch (currently planning a date)

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- None to report

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- None to report.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

- The next meeting will be held on Dec 9th, 2024.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Black, Chairperson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_