

Dartmouth High School School Advisory Council

Chairperson: Paul Black
c/o Dartmouth High School
95 Victoria Road
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, B3A 1V2

Minutes for Meeting on October 6th, 2025 - 5:15pm

1. PRESENT

- Eartha Monard, Phillip MacEachern, Jill Ross, Robyn Brown, Sarah Conde, Rosella Winship, Krista Boychuk, Manuela Roemer (Student Council), Paul Black, Terri-Lynn Rapitta,

Regrets: Jane Brison, Tom Unwin, Elizabeth MacPherson, Reagan McMeekin, Melanie Ellis, Denise Chiasson

2. CALL TO ORDER

- Paul Black called the meeting to order.

3. AGENDA – was approved as circulated.

4. MINUTES – Minutes of the June meeting were approved with minor edits/spelling corrections.

5. Student Council Report (Manuela Roemer)

- Terry Fox Run - raised \$352.60 raised
 - Fun competition between class for funds raised
- Club fair a success with new clubs like peer tutoring
- Successful spirit week
 - Mon: Dress as your grade
 - 9's blue
 - 10's black
 - 11's green
 - 12's red
 - Staff - yellow
 - Tue: Dress to impress – Picture Day
 - Wed: Dress as an artist/album cover
 - Thu: Mathletes vs Athletes
 - Fri: Tropical Day
- Reorganized council working well as more responsibilities have been spread amongst members
- Home opener football game - great spartan spirit, over 150 students came out to cheer
- Pep Rally on Oct 15th
- Humans VS Zombies Oct 17th

- Halloween Spirit week in progress including pumpkin carving, staff in costume passing out candy, more to come

6. PAul (Correspondence)

- SAC PD Conference - Last week of November – Nov 21st
- Updates in progress for SAC Letter of Agreement (Roles/members), to be submitted to department for October 30th, 2025

7. Eartha - PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Gordon (Shane) MacLeod - recipient of the Prime Ministers Award – Teaching Excellence in STEM
- 17 new staff members have joined DHS this year. A new staff lunch and learn was held with special guests Sandy Gillis (Registrar) and Brad Jewers (SSW). Session was very successful and well received.
- Thinkers Lodge field trip for in Pugwash NS
- Grade level assemblies occurred early in Sept to review updates in conduct expectations, introduce new staff.
- University fair held last week for grade 12 students. Students enjoyed moving around between the differ
- Academic certificates complete
- Successful year for AP Psych meeting with positive success in AP Examinations last school year
- Literacy - taking a step back from P.E.E.L. as students had some challenges with idea generating for writing. The department will focus on supporting students in this area before moving back to mechanical writing strategies.
- Wellness - New wellness committee formed
- Updated code of conduct policy. Staffing now working with new release/implementation of policy
- Graduation venue fees/billing Zatsman Sportsplex
- Review SAC report for 2024-25
- Some students attended the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax on September 18, 2025, for the "The Gifts We Carry: Youth Empowerment Gathering," a live educational event presented by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The event aimed to open a dialogue with young people about Canada's residential school system through Indigenous culture, music, and dance.

8. Math Boot Camp

- Two Day Summer Program to help students entering Math 10 review important concepts from Grade 9
- 69 students attended from DHS and feeder schools
- Goals Include:
 - Strengthen math foundation by revisiting essential Grade 9 math concepts
 - Make the transition to Grade 10 smoother and more rewarding

- Kickstart the school year with renewed confidence
- Help bridge the gap and be ready to tackle Grade 10 topics head-on!

9. Social Studies Dept:

- ACS 11 curriculum being revised. The old curriculum scope was too large. Revision will have 4 to 5 section and will be more focused.
- Holocaust Education Exhibit

10. NEXT MEETING

- December 1st
- January 19th
- March 2nd
- April 27th
- June 8th

11. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Approved: 
Paul Black, Chairperson

Date: December 1, 2025