



School Advisory Council

Annual Report – September 2023 – June 2024

School	Alderney Elementary
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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).

Sherri MacDonald - Principal
No VP at our school
Peter Gilfoy- Parent - Chair
Kayleigh Mills – Parent – Secretary
Amanda Reardon – Staff
Annik Stevens – Staff
Rhonda Simpson – Community Member
TBA - Community Member

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

One of our key initiatives in our School Success Planning this past year was the integration of calming spaces within classrooms. These spaces have significantly enhanced our classroom management strategies. Teachers can now address potential behavioral issues before they escalate by directing students to use the calming space, fostering a more proactive approach to behavior management. As well, SAC supported this goal by funding Alderney Elementary in setting up a universal calming room; students are guided on how to monitor their emotions and how to make use of this room when self-regulation is needed. The SAC contributed 2000.00 to that project. Part of this amount was also used to create and improve existing calming areas in individual classrooms.

In keeping with our School Success Planning goals, we purchased 2 classroom Ipad to use for formative assessment; providing teachers with an efficient way to track and monitor student learning outcomes in math in order to inform teaching throughout the year. This relieves teachers from having to manage physical student files, saving time and preventing misplacement of assessments. SAC contributed \$900. Bins to store games and practise materials to enhance math fluency practice were also purchased.

The SAC funded two school-wide presentations this year; an African drumming presentation and Maritime Marionettes performance.

The SAC contributed \$500.00 to our school counsellor to build up their resource bank. Materials purchased by the counsellor would be used by Alderney staff on days when the counsellor is out of building. The SAC also contributed funds to our resource teacher, to purchase bins and bags for the resource room.

We have earmarked \$200.00 per classroom for the next school year; teachers will collaborate on how the funds should be spent to support the SSP goals and student achievement in their classrooms.

The SAC ran their annual pancake breakfast this year; it is always a nice opportunity for the students to see the SAC members present in the school giving their time to the students.

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

This year, the Alderney SAC initiated a fundraiser in partnership with Chapters/Indigo. Alderney received \$3350.00 to go towards the purchase of new books for the school and classroom libraries. The SAC contributed a further \$1000.00 towards books, for a total of \$4350.00.

By years' end, we have purchased well over 500 new books for the school. Book circulation in the school library increased by 854 books this year over last year.

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

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Statements of Revenues and Expenditures:

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

- Classroom reading books/resource room bins to support SSPgoals literacy instruction - \$331.17
- I pads to support SSP goals in math conferences/assessment for learning- \$878.22
- Various furniture/calming tools to support our SSP well-being goal \$2066.11
- African Drumming - \$460
- Maritime Marionette Performance - 805.00
- School pancake breakfast - \$73.75
- School counsellor emotional coaching tools - \$500

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).

Estimated expense = \$200.00

SAC will be paying for a dinner for all board members on June 26, 2024.