



School Advisory Council Annual Report – June 2023

School	George Bissett 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).

Chair- Gale Downey
Principal- Jimmy Hurley
Secretary (Staff Member)- Lori-Ann Betts
Staff Member – Kerri Veinot
Staff Member- Nicholas MacDonald
Parent Member- River Miller
Parent Member – April Hill
Parent Member – Mima MacLachlan
Community Member- Adele Dionne
Community Member -Jenny Dionne

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

This year our SAC meetings focussed on sharing information around our school SSP plan, discussing ways to improve our diversity of SAC member representation, and finalizing SAC grant spending. Gale Downey, current SAC Chair agreed to continue in her role for the 2023-2024 School Year.

There was time spent during each meeting discussing SSP goals and school strategies that have been implemented to meet those goals. We discussed how staff is continuing their important journey in Treaty Education. Our school focused on P-3 Reading and 4-6 Fact Fluency in Math. An important part of our reading goal is the Three-Part Lesson and incorporating culturally relevant practices in daily instruction.

We shared PD topics of Treaty Education, P-3 Reading and 4-6 Fact Fluency with our SAC. Continuing with the previous two years of staff professional development, we stressed with SAC how important it is that school staff understand students’ culture (including beliefs and values) and then using that specific student cultural information to motivate learning. As a school we are working towards having a deeper understanding of the students in our classrooms that we can impact their learning in a positive way.

The points below further summary our work this year:

- SAC funds used to purchase items for students such as school supplies.
- SAC chair attended PD - Auburn - Learning Priorities and Well-Being, November 29, 2022.
- Discussed ways to make students feel they are cared about and that they matter.
- Discussed ways to promote inclusivity within the school.
- Healthy School Grant - discussed ideas/suggestions. Yoga for upper and lower elementary, sensory path, and tree planting.
- SSP - Focused on ways to improve student literacy, math, and well-being to learn, succeed and strengthen students to improve.
- Consulted with teachers on classroom needs and based on this information made funding decisions.
- Look into purchasing additional chrome books, new library books, math resource books.

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

- SAC funds used towards purchasing school supplies for students is an amazing way to spend the funds. Not only does it alleviate a huge amount of stress from parents, but also students. It makes it so that all students have the same materials, and no one has to go without due to their family not having enough money to purchase items.
- Had in school activities such as popcorn, pancakes, movie night, also apple picking trip.
- A new playground was installed. The work started during the Fall of 2021.
- We were able to acquire volunteers to assist with the Breakfast Program allowing us to order more options to students

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

n/a

Statements of Revenues and Expenditures:

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

- Student School Supplies (2488.86)
- Learning Materials (\$221)

- Assistive Technology (headsets) (\$100.00)
- Chromebooks (\$2000)
- Music Instruments (187.90)

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

N/A

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).

- \$335 food for meetings

Please return to School Supervisor by Monday, May 28, 2023. Thank you.