

## School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

**School:** Auburn Drive High School

**Region:** Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE)

**Date:** Tuesday, December 2, 2025

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Location:** Auburn Drive High School

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

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### 2. Attendance

**Members Present:** Adele Dionne, Andrew McDougall, Chris MacLellan, Makayla Thomas, Gail Downey, Karen Hudson, Amanda Crabtree

**Regrets:** Ramya Samarasekera, Karmiyah Colley, Erin Moser, Donna Horne, Tanya Deveau

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### 3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed.

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### 4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed.

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### 5. Student Council Report

Student Council provided an update on recent and upcoming activities:

- Organized **Spirit Week** in October, including a **Halloween costume contest** held during lunch.
- Hosted a **low-sensory trick-or-treating event** for the community, followed by a **movie night** at the school.
- Launched a **toy drive** in November, continuing until **December 15**.
- Played a significant role in organizing the **Remembrance Day ceremony**.
- Currently running a **winter clothing drive**.
- Scheduled a **bake sale** for **Friday, December 5**.

- Decorated the school for the holiday season.
  - Accepted an invitation from the **School Fundraising Improvement Committee** to attend and participate in future events.
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## 6. Principal's Report

The Principal reported on instructional, cultural, and operational updates:

- Teachers continue to participate in **monthly TST meetings** to support teaching practice and student needs.
  - In recognition of **Mi'kmaq History Month**, students and staff planted a tree on school grounds, with painted rocks created by art classes.
  - The **Africentric Cohort** participated in a learning experience in **Birchtown** and attended the **Black Brilliance Conference** in Toronto.
  - **Flu shots** were administered on site.
  - **Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)** presented to **Grade 12 students**.
  - A **PMG pop-up store** operated for two days, selling Auburn Drive High School merchandise.
  - **Prom Committee meetings** have begun with strong parent participation.
  - The **school musical** has been postponed until **February**.
  - Staff and students engaged in **fundraising efforts for hurricane relief in Jamaica**.
  - The Principal has attended **professional development sessions related to the Code of Conduct**; Vice Principals will attend similar sessions.
  - **Progress Conferences** are scheduled for **Thursday, December 4**.
  - Multiple **fundraising initiatives** are underway to support the Europe field trip.
  - **Yearbooks** are currently on sale.
  - The **Girls Volleyball team** will compete at **Provincials** this weekend.
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## 7. Prom Committee Update

- The **Class of 2026 Prom** will be held at **GLOW Parties**.
  - Fundraising activities are underway.
  - **Baked goods sales** are scheduled for **December 7, 13, and 14** during select periods at the Walker's tree lot.
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## 8. Athletics Report

- Auburn Drive High School currently has **four basketball teams** competing: Junior Varsity and Varsity teams for both boys and girls.
  - The **Girls Varsity Basketball team** will host a tournament this Friday; students may attend during afternoon classes.
  - The **Girls Hockey team** is experiencing a strong season.
  - The **Girls Volleyball team** is advancing to **Provincials**.
  - The **Volleyball season** concludes this week.
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## 9. SAC Conference Report

Adele Dionne and Andrew McDougall attended a **province-wide SAC Conference** on **Friday, November 28**, at the **Halifax World Trade and Convention Centre**.

Topics discussed included:

- **Code of Conduct** updates
- **Student Success Planning**
- Formation of a **panel to review Launch programs** in schools
- Review of **PowerSchool behavior data** to identify trends in student behavior and consequences

It was noted that the Auburn Drive High School SAC may consider reviewing **incident and behavior tracking data** at future meetings.

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## 10. School Improvement Committee – Fundraising Update

Upcoming fundraising events include:

- **Alumni Basketball Game** – Friday, December 19, 6:00–8:00 p.m.  
Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 students, free for children 12 and under
  - **Battle of Land and Sea Alumni Hockey Tournament** – Sunday, December 28 (2-hour event)  
Matchups: Eastern Shore vs. Dartmouth High; Cole Harbour vs. Auburn
  - **Music Bingo** – February 2026  
Student Council members are invited to assist with planning and prize collection. Proceeds will be split evenly between the committee and Student Council.
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## 11. Other Business

- A question was raised regarding the **removal of gym bleachers** due to their current condition and potential safety concerns.
  - An **updated quote for replacement bleachers** has been requested.
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## 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

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**Next Meeting:** January 13, 2026