Halifax Independent School: Evolution of a Stakeholder Co-operative

We are a diverse community of enthusiastic educators, students and their families striving for academic excellence.

Children learn in a co-operative and respectful environment through theme-based studies in multi-age classrooms.
A Brief History

- **Early 70’s “Lab” school:** Dalhousie Experimental School
- **The 80’s:** “Learning and Loving it” - the development of the Theme Studies approach
- **1993:** University rationalization and Dalhousie Co-operative School is born
- **1998-2002:** Halifax Independent School - searching for a new home, expanding
- **2002-05:** Finances and building
- **2005-now:** Taking stock, looking at Governance
After the Co-operative

- Governance Project: decision making, role of the Board, conflict of interest, policy development, personnel committee
- Social Economy and Sustainability Project: defining, identify stakeholders, create evaluation measures, retreats and strategic planning, implement changes.
The Future of Halifax Independent School

- Challenges: growth, new buildings, keeping families involved and informed
- Governance Project
- Refining evaluation measures, include Alumni
- Succession Planning