



School Council Draft Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday November 18, 2025
Meeting Time: 6-7 pm
Meeting Location: Hybrid (in person ONE World or MSTeams)
Meeting Link: [MSTeams Meeting Link](#)

Attendance

Katie Big-Canoe, Chair
Tausha Rendell, Vice-Chair
Maly Bun-Lebert, Secretary
Amber Giffen, Treasurer
Matthew Stolk, Parent Member
Katie McKenney, Parent Member
Becky Brown, Parent Member
Trisha Dey Czeplia, Parent Member
Ying (Sarah) Li, Parent Member
Eryk Slawinski, Parent Member
Sylvie Blais, Principal
Julia Lantos, Staff Representative
Babak Ghodrati
Biyi Ogunsola
Eunice

Regrets

Pamela Hart, Vice-Principal
Nana Ama Tiwaa-Boateng, Parent Member

1. Land Acknowledgement

Katie offered a land acknowledgement. With a reminder to learn about the lands that you are on, and your relationship to the lands.

2. Welcome & Introductions (All)

a) Current council members, staff, and parents introduced themselves.

3. Review and Approval – Agenda and Minutes (All)

- a) Motion to approve agenda
- Moved by Matt, seconded by Becky. **CARRIED**
- b) Motion to approve minutes of Sept 23 meeting
- Moved by Matt, seconded by Eryk. **CARRIED**

4. Principal's Update & Parent Engagement (Sylvie Blais)

- a) Advisory Role of the School Council
- Our school council will be focusing on an advisory approach to strengthen communication, support student success, provide input on school priorities, and increase family engagement
- b) Key discussion items:
- Supporting families with the new student and family support office (as per memo sent out by the Education Minister – Fall 2025)



- The Ministry of Education has mandated that each school have access to a Student and Family Support Office. While implementation may vary by school, our school board's support office must be operational by January 19, 2026.
 - What are the current approaches to resolving concerns?
 - a. Teacher>admin>supervisory office>trustee
 - b. The first point of contact is always your teacher.
 - c. If the concern cannot be resolved at the classroom level, it may be escalated to the administration team.
 - Discussion points and considerations:
 - i. There is concern that families may bypass the school-based process and contact the Support Office directly.
 - ii. Council discussed the importance of reinforcing the school's internal processes while also acknowledging the role of the Support Office.
 - iii. It was suggested that broad communication be sent to families affirming: The school staff and administration's commitment to addressing concerns directly and that concerns unable to be resolved at the school level are welcomed and appropriate to bring forward to the Support Office.
 - ACTION:** Sylvie will draft messaging for teachers to share with parents outlining the process and the school's commitment to supporting families.
- c) 2024-2025 climate survey results and safe school and inclusion plan
- Sylvie presented student survey results only, based on 191 student responses. Key findings include:
 - 90% of students reported that:
 - a. They feel treated fairly regardless of identity or lived experience
 - b. Teachers care about them and are available for support
 - c. Learning materials reflect diverse backgrounds
 - 64–68% of students reported feeling respected by one another.
 - a. Sylvie identified this as a priority area and recommended it as a key focus for next steps.
 - 48% of students responded positively to mental health–related items, including:
 - a. Healthy relationship skills
 - b. Stress management
 - c. Conflict resolution
 - d. Emotional regulation and navigating disagreements
- d) Social media and its impact on students
- The topic generated significant discussion/interest from parents.
 - Due to time constraints, the conversation was deferred and will continue at the January meeting.



- e) EQAO results have not been released (normally they would be shared at this meeting)

5. Treasurer's Report (Amber)

a) Fundraisers

- Big Box Cards fundraiser will contribute to outdoor equipment (\$500)
- Fudge is still running until this weekend, plus added Cinnabon
- Hungry Wolves going well
- Amber meeting with eco-club – and has \$18,000 left to spend by end of year.
- Fresh from Farm closing total - \$441.48 (allotted to Hungry Wolves)
- Popcorn – funds going to music repairs.
- Coffee in January
- Soup in February

b) Motion: Allocate \$200 from school council funds for staff appreciation

- Moved by Amber, seconded by Trish
- All in favour – **CARRIED**
- Katie to pick up coffee/treats

6. Other Business

- a) Next meeting: January 20, 2026 6-7pm Hybrid

Motion to adjourn. *Moved by Matt, seconded by Becky 7:09pm.*