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School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday April 7, 2026

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| <p>Co Chairs- Andrea Hitchcock & Fatema Bhabrawala</p> <p>Welcome and Land Acknowledgement Review and Approval of Minutes Review and Approval of current Agenda</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Land Acknowledgement • Review and Approval of Minutes: Krishna and Lucy • Review and approval of current agenda: Krishna and Louise |
| <p>Business from previous meeting</p> | <p>None</p> |
| <p>Principal's Report-</p> | <p>PRINCIPAL'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to Mary Finstad VP started Feb 17 • School Tents and Spring Fling banners were delivered on March 12 • 34th Annual Ancaster Community Food Drive we collected 3243 items which was picked up by Fire Trucks on March 5 • Nutrition Program- started March 23 Mon, Tues, Thurs; volunteers needed • Asking for donations for the Mohawk Village Memorial Park - to honour the former Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School (184 Mohawk Street, Brantford). The initiative is through Canada Helps. • March 3 the Skilled Trades Truck postponed to a date TBD. • EQAO webinars for parents and guardians sent out using SchoolMessenger see https://www.eqao.com/school-outreach/ |
| <p>Teacher's Report-</p> | <p>Ashley Absent – Ria completed Teacher Report Feb 4, 11, 19 Indoor Soccer Feb 25- Grade 3 Crawford Lake trip Mar 5- Ancaster High School Bobby Wynne Basketball Tournament Senior Boys and Girls</p> |



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| | <p>Mar 26- Great Big Crunch-fosters positive, school-wide engagement around healthy eating and food literacy</p> <p>Mar 27- Get Real Workshops grades ¾-8</p> <p>March 31- Checkers Tournament at Ancaster Fair Grounds</p> <p>April 16- Grade 4 Mountsberg Conservation Trip; Concert Band at Ancaster High Family of Schools</p> <p>April 17- Junior Choir at Sir Winston Churchill Choirfest</p> <p>April 20-24 Environmental Awareness Week</p> <p>April 22- Grade ½ Trip Dundas Conservation Area</p> <p>April 23- Concert Band at Sherwood Secondary School Bandfest; Gr 1 Trip Dundas Conservation Area</p> <p>April 24- Grade 2 Trip at RBG</p> <p>May 4-8- Education Week</p> <p>May 7- Talent Show</p> <p>May 8- Grades 4 & 5 Hamilton Cardinals game; Spring Dance</p> <p>May 13- Grades 6, 7, 8 Forge FC trip</p> <p>May 14- Cathy Wever Exhibition Game at Tim Hortons Field</p> <p>May 15- Grades 5 & 6 Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre; Junior Choir at Hamilton Public Library- Central Branch</p> <p>May 21- Spring Fling; Soccer Tournament girls and boys at Eastdale</p> <p>May 25- Soccer Tournament girls at Heritage Greene</p> <p>May 28- Access Athletics; Soccer Tournament boys at Heritage Greene</p> <p>May 25-28 Grade 3 EQAO, June 1-4 Grade 6 EQAO</p> <p>Jun 4- Soccer Tournament boys and girls at R.A Riddell</p> <p>Jun 5- PA Day</p> <p>Jun 18- Commencement at Ancaster High School</p> <p>Jun 23- Reports go home</p> <p>Jun 25- Last Day for students</p> <p>Jun 26- PA Day</p> |
| <p>Treasurer's Report- Krishna Patel</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising amounts from Spirit wear \$342.93 and Puffs for purpose \$471.59 was added to SC account • Pizza orders April to June \$ 20238.50 added to SC account • We will have \$14000 to allocate this quarter. • Keeping aside \$10350 for 9 weeks of Pizza and \$4300 for prior commitments • School council has allocated \$1000 for library books via online vote. |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500 was allocated to math program and \$50 to welcome to kinder supply. |
| <p>Chair's Report-</p> | <p>New School Council Bylaw Changes and Expectations:</p> <p>CHANGES (must do):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HWDSB maximum number of parent members of School Council is now 20 (was 15). Parent/guardian elections for September (page 4-5) Each candidate will supply a personal information statement that shall be made available to the school community at least one week before the election. Voting shall be by secret ballot and neither proxy or absentee voting is permitted. (page 5) term of office once elected - the day they are appointed until the date of the first meeting of the next year's council when elections take place. The Chair or Co-chair positions must be a parent member of the school council and cannot be employed by HWDSB. Note: we have added the following positions to our bylaws: Treasurer and Secretary. They are not required the same restrictions as the Chair or Co-chairs. <p>EXPECTATIONS (unofficial, but we would like to follow when able):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All elected members should to be a member at large on the council at least one year before being able to apply for a position as Chair, Co-chair, Secretary or Treasurer. Elected council members are asked to step down from their position after a maximum of three years to allow other council members a chance to bring fresh ideas and energy to the council. They can however, move from one elected position to another if they wish. All voting members (members of large) must participate outside of attending meetings in at least one way - eg: helping with a fundraiser, be a part of a subcommittee (pizza day etc.), Spring Fling All voting members must contact the Chair or Co-chairs if they are unable to attend a meeting before the start time of that meeting. |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving forward, we are going to start offering a virtual option when a member is unable to attend in person (sick child etc.) but could participate from home, so that everyone is up to date on the council happenings. <p>Pizza Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great numbers of children are participating, certainly more than the winter round, and most likely more than the fall round.• We are handing over cheques over the \$1100 amount we have budgeted so Krishna and Andrea will continue to monitor that, but it's going well.• Our final day of pizza will be June 10 which means there will be 2 weeks at the end of the year that there will not be pizza. This is so that Eliana can close down the accounts for the year when she's supposed to.• Andrea will be giving Eliana the totals for the last 2 weeks of June early so that she can print the cheques before closing the accounts. <p>Indigo Love for Reading - Krishna report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start the process in September or October 2026 – Hope to apply by January 2027• Krishna to take look into this Grant opportunity for Tiffany Hills Community <p>Welcome to Kindergarten:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hillay and Lucy to Volunteer for Kindergarten Night (May 12 – 4:00-5:00pm)• Approval of the purchase of play dough and toys for the event• All leftovers and toys are handed to the Kinder team to use. <p>SPRING FLING (May 21 - 5-7pm):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteers to be at the event: 4 - 7:30 pm)• Who is where: Cake Walk - Hillay, Sina, Krishna, Emily Photo Booth - Trang, Christina & ? |
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| | <p>Pizza - Ayaan, Lucy & ? Cotton Candy - Makarim & Alena Vendor – Cassidy Runners - Fatema & Andrea Need to place: Abby Will know closer to: Melissa & Laura Away: Louise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presale of tickets on SCO will be from April 23-May 7 • The same bins will be used to collect tickets • Tickets will be stamped again this year with the school stamp • Silent Auction – Bids will be visible to everyone, highest bidder is contacted to for the item the next day • Tables we will need:- Photo booth - 2 tables- Cake walk - 2 tables- Pizza - 3 or 4 Tables (depends on how many preorders we get)- Cotton candy - 1 table • Ticket cost per booth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photo Booth - 2 tickets Cake Walk - 2 tickets Cotton Candy - 3 tickets Pizza - Large Cheese - 15 tickets • Map:- We will make a “subject to change” version available on Facebook the week of the Spring Fling so will need to know the most up to date version by Friday, May 15. • Final notes can be no later than the night before, <u>Wednesday, May 20</u> so Andrea can post the correct version on the morning of. • QR code signage • Pizza for Student Volunteers- For pizza Pick Up: a Volunteer student list to cross out names will be used. • Cake Walk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ayaan - will be creating a Bristol board sign of “How to Play” for cake walk Hillyay - will make identifiers for cake walk • Laura’s idea - Most parents do not have the time to pick up a treat and bring it to school, so offer a cash donation option on SCO (when we sell tickets, preorder pizza, etc) to cake walk and |
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| | <p>we buy treats ourselves. donations could be: \$2,3,4,5,6? Do we want a \$1 option? We will need about 45 donations total.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendors: Cost will be \$60 this year. Insurance needed – Cassidy to look into this (most be purchased 1 month before) • Will confirm pizza cost for us, last year it was \$10 for a large cheese or pepperoni, and \$6 for a small gluten-free cheese or pepperoni. We charged \$15 for a large and \$8 for a gf |
| <p>New Business</p> | <p>Diana – Nutritionist Event Possibly in September 2026 (Meet the Staff) Small Booth during “Welcome to Kindergarten Night”</p> <p>Factory Shoe Cards for Open to Kindergarten Night – Laura to look into getting more cards</p> <p>Volunteer for the Nutrition Programs – 10:15-10:55am Monday (Cassidy/Raj), Tuesday (Trang), and Thursday (?)</p> <p>Funds Allocations: Math Materials \$500 Approved</p> <p>Parent Question (Raj) – Are we planning to have Science Textbooks? Ria Answer: Any materials purchased need to come from school budget. All books need to be on the Ontario Trillium List See https://data.ontario.ca/dataset/trillium-list-of-approved-textbooks-kindergarten-to-grade-12-for-use-in-ontario-schools</p> <p>Parent Question (Lucy) – Can money be spent on Kindergarten Tent for outdoor playground for shade? Ria has put a pause in this as the community has been damaging the Today’s Family shade Can trees be planted? Facilities would need to be involved and approval by the board would need to occur</p> <p>Parent Question (Alena) – Can we purchase new coat hooks? Ria has looked into added additional coat hooks. Unfortunately, there are only a certain number of hooks that are allowed to be on the walls.</p> |



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| | <p>Parent Question (Raj) – Can we purchase fencing or cameras for safety of the portables? Ria has asked for cameras but unfortunately, we are unable to purchase them due to confidentiality. Fencing, etc. would need to be approved by facilities.</p> <p>Parent Question (Louise) – Have we gotten any feedback from the City Safety audit (e.g. crossing guard)? No we have not.</p> |
| Next Meeting Date | May 5, 2026 |