



**Sir Arthur Currie School Council & Home and School
Meeting Minutes
Monday December 1st, 2025 @ 6:00pm**

Present:

Katie Brooks, Jennifer Charlton, Maria Florencia Mora, Anthony Friday, Alex Lind, Sarah Regnier, Jacklyn Varanelli, Caroline Woodburn, Clayton Brown, Caroline Almeida

Regrets:

Mohamed Ahmed, Terri Aunger, Moumita Bose, Mariam Al-Azem, Sandeep Barot, Dennis Webster, Ashley Davis, Mihad Ismail, Melissa Ofori, Saba Ramzam, Rie Shivakawa,

Action Items from November Meeting:

- Caroline W. reviewing discrepancy with band/choir clothing
- Caroline W. to check licence and library rules for January movie night
- Alex to create marketing poster as a reminder for parents that FlipGive is available (postponed to New Year due to Chocolate Fundraiser)
- Jacklyn to check if McDonald's/Wendy's/Tim Hortons can be added to hot lunch site
- Jacklyn to check if hot lunch has other notification options (email/text)
- Caroline W. to send out reminder about new ordering process for hot lunch including link and app details

School Council meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Welcome & Agenda Review

- Jacklyn welcomed everyone to the meeting and inquired about agenda additions
 - *No quorum for November minutes to be accepted*

Admin Update

- Still awaiting EQAO results
 - Potentially information coming surrounding policy adjustments
- Character education assembly
 - December trait is gratitude - Assembly on December 19th @ 9:15am
- School organization changes:
 - Mr. Friday is leaving at the end of the year to move to Lord Elgin
 - Janet Purdy will be the new VP at SAC
 - Ms. Day is on a leave effective immediately
 - Julie (Secretary) is on a leave effective immediately
 - Valerie will be here full time replacing Julie's role and Valerie's role will be open
 - Finance items will be supported by board office
 - P. Allely returning to TL position in library



- Facilities update:
 - Portables have been removed
 - Fenced off for safety to determine if it will be paved or turfed
 - Students want a volleyball court in the space
 - Net will need to move in and out which may not be feasible
 - Noting that there are concerns of too many balls on the schoolyard
 - Playground enhancement fundraising continues
- Intermediate volleyball is underway coached by Ms. Sheppard
- Food drive on this month
- Choir and Band Holiday Concert December 11th (12:15pm and 6:00pm)
- Spirit days the last week before the holidays
 - Days and themes decided by Take Action Team
- Student Council starting this month (Grade 3-8 reps)
- Family Engagement surrounding math
 - Math scope and sequence (based on curriculum)
 - Providing games to be sent home, participants send in photos to be entered into a draw for prizes related to math
 - \$500 topic money can be used towards this

Playground Enhancements Fundraising Update

- Previously there was a vote day for the structure
- Two grant options sent to Co-Chairs for the playground
 - **Action: Sarah taking the lead with Caroline on grant research/planning, the application for the grants are TBD after research/planning**
 - Teachers have asked for feedback from students
- Playground area is decided on the East side of the school, the hydro pole has been removed
- Caroline A. noted that the daycare playground turf was \$56,000
- We think a \$100,000 goal is a good starting point
- We can do painting for games as it has washed away
- Discussion around GoFundMe, it doesn't seem like its an option but Caroline W. asked the board
 - Direct donations are the preferred method
- Need tiered model for larger investments with tax receipts and some type of recognition (e.g. coyote paw on structure)
- Playground sub-committee needed
 - **Action: Sarah and Caroline to start this sub-committee, Caroline to go back to purchasing to ensure we are following the correct process and connect with Sarah**
 - Alex is open to help

Family Centre Update

- Three classrooms previously, the grade 1-2 class needed to be closed
- There are no children on the waitlist



- Staff moved to NorthWest
- Childcare is at full capacity by Jan 19th
- It has been difficult to get children into the childcare program due to the policy
- Yards have been updated with turf, children are enjoying it
- December 18th Holiday Social for childcare and school age.
- Food drive until December 15th, children will write cards to families in need and the food will be provided to other childcare facilities in need
- Spirit week in December
- Breakfast with Santa was a big success, Hyde Park Market was also great!

Fundraising Update

- Chocolate fundraising going well, some lessons learned
 - Need to label cases right away as there are a couple unaccounted for
 - Few students ordering additional cases
 - Been well-received by students and parents
 - School Cash Online payments going well, needed to add additional cases
 - Big thank you to Valerie for the support
- Alex will organize prizes once the fundraiser closes

Treasurer Update

- Unable to receive update as treasurer was absent

School of Reading

- SAC already participates in this initiative
- TL does introduction to books and follows the forest of reading outline

School Council meeting adjourned at 6:50pm
Home and School meeting called to order at 6:50pm

Fundraising

- Vote on January/February/March hot lunch money
 - We will have an idea on how much approximately we are raising each quarter in December/January

Motion for proceeds from Jan/Feb/Mar hot lunch proceeds to go towards playground enhancements

M: Alex Lind, S: Katie Brooks

CARRIED

- McHappy day to be determined
- Will may need to raise money for when SmartBoards stop working
 - Rise Vision interactive TVs
 - From school budget/fundraising, there is some budget in STEAM
 - Caroline noted that we want to know the 5 year plan for tech replacement
- Concerns with sound in the gym, specifically in the activity room, it needs speakers to project in that area
- Storage need for physical Home & School items
 - Halloween Decorations, hot chocolate etc.



- Opportunity to use changerooms
 - Should be a locked cabinet
- Home and School documentation
 - Minutes and agendas should be stored on site and accessible to anyone
 - Treasurer information should be in here as well
 - Look into what may need to be signed from Home and School manual
 - **Action: Alex to make a binder starting 2025-2026 school year**
 - Digital space on Google Drive under Home and School email
- Recent training that co-chairs attended there was a booklet about school councils
 - **Action: Katie to share booklet from training, infographic, resource document etc. with the council/committee**
- There is an ask to have more structure into roles and responsibilities of council and home & school and expectations
 - Digital storage need for documents, standards etc.
 - **Action: Sarah looking into digital storage options**

Home and School meeting adjourned 7:22pm

Next Meeting Monday January 5th, 2026 @ 6:00pm