



**Sir Arthur Currie School Council & Home and School
Meeting Minutes
Monday April 13th, 2026 @ 6:00pm**

Present

Katie Brooks, Janet Purdy, Alex Lind, Sarah Regnier, Jacklyn Varanelli, Caroline Woodburn, Rie Shivakawa, Swapnil Verma, Moumita Bose, Ashley Davis, Terri Aunger, Melissa Ofori

Summary of April Meeting Action Items

- Caroline to reach out to her contact at the board to reconnect and see if there is an update on the playground submission
- Alex to share digital copy of the PEO Bridge Building competition to Caroline and Terri
- Alex to share future fundraisers to the Family Centre
- Caroline to circulate the 6/7/8 classes and emphasize that parents are not required for this age group and that we will need to cancel the dance if there are not enough registrations, also noting the Starbucks gift card raffle
- Ashley offered to donate 2 of the Starbucks gift cards to bring to the dance
- Swapnil to look into cost of the digital donation units
- Jacklyn to deposit the Hot Lunch Q1 cheque into the Libro account
- Swapnil to send the treasurer reports with details to the execs/admin
- Alex to create a poster for Croc Charms and school messenger blurb
- Alex to create a school messenger blurb for the school drop-off day for Talize
- Alex to ask M&M if kids can market our fundraiser outside the store
- Alex to confirm we are the only fundraiser at M&M that weekend to ensure there isn't a misallocation of funds
- Alex to create the column for Neighbours of Sunningdale magazine for this fundraiser once details are worked out
- Alex to reach out to the balloon contact to confirm if they can offer balloons for the dance
- Alex to connect with admin to see if we can collaborate with student council for freezie sales
- Swapnil to bring the Home & School statement for next meeting
- Council to decide on member to bring hot lunch data for June meeting for review, or send via email for discussion

School Council meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Welcome & Agenda Review

- Katie welcomed everyone and the agenda was reviewed; one addition was added from Alex to share an upcoming Professional Engineers Ontario Bridge Building Competition event with the Grade 7/8s, Caroline agreed to pass along the message and poster, Terri also took a poster for the Family Centre.



Motion for March meeting minutes to be accepted

M: Alex Lind, S: Katie Brooks

CARRIED

Admin Update

- EQAO parent information night April 29th at 5:00pm
 - Sent out to all grade 3 and 6 parents
- EQAO Grade 3 testing dates May 14-22 avoiding specific holidays and Ontario Day (June 1st), Grade 6 testing dates May 20-June 3rd
- Character Trait for April is Empathy, assembly is May 1st at 12:15pm
 - Melissa noted that some parents are still not receiving notice that their child will be receiving an award and are missing the assemblies
- Mrs. Beadle has returned from a leave
- Staffing for 2026/27 is underway, SAC is downsizing
 - Currently we are losing 3 classes, expecting to have surplused teachers and new grade assignments as well as many split classes
 - Enrolment is down we are currently at ~525 students, projection is ~450 for next year
 - Grade 8 cohort is a large group, their legacy sibling students (17) are required to move to another school
- Playground update: We are still waiting for word from the board
 - **Action item: Caroline to reach out to her contact to reconnect and see if there is an update.**
- Inquiries and concerns over the state of our yard with the orange fencing and poor field conditions
 - Temporary fence is to be removed this week and it will be paved as we have issues growing grass
 - April 24th PD Day should be when the pavement is installed
 - The board is looking at options for our yard, admin needs to call home frequently for change of clothes
- Badminton
 - All teams are moving onto the next tournament
- Jr co-ed volleyball is running now
- Spirit day is April 22nd; wear green and blue for Earth Day
 - There are no school wide cleanups planned as no teachers volunteered to take on the coordination, the hope is that individual cleanups will occur
- Track and Field is May 26th for regionals
- There will be a slo-pitch team as well that is weather dependent

Playground Subcommittee

- Awaiting approval before we can enter any grant applications

Family Centre Update



- Family night April 21st for all ages, they will be doing tie-dye
- City Program - Glee (acting and signing) ages 6-9 and 10-12, spots available
- Guitar lessons hosted through Investing in Children for grade 7/8s, starts on April 22nd
- Family Center has been promoting the playground, anything that is community based, as long as its low cost or free, they can send it out/post it on their bulletin board
 - Action item: Alex to share digital copy of the PEO Bridge Building competition
 - Action item: Alex to share future fundraisers to the Family Centre

Fundraising Update

- Spring Dance
 - Ticket sales are low
 - They recently had a dance during the day, may not be as interested
 - Action item: Caroline to circulate the 6/7/8 classes and emphasize that parents are not required for this age group and that we will need to cancel the dance if there are not enough registrations (Friday April 17th we will decide, minimum of 30 tickets sold). Also noting the gift card raffle.
 - Adding raffle draw for two \$15 Starbucks cards for each dance to try and incentivize, we will not disclose the amount just the location
 - Action item: Ashley offered to donate 2 of the Starbucks gift cards, to bring to the dance

Motion for two \$15 Starbucks gift cards to be purchased for the dance

M: Alex Lind, S: Jacklyn Varanelli

CARRIED

- Big Box of Cards
 - Postponed to discuss next school year
- Coyote Paw Print Campaign
 - Postponed until board approval received, aiming for Fall fundraiser
- Tap tower for donations suggestion from Swapnil
 - School vs. Home and School limitation, will need to look into rules
 - Action item: Swapnil to look into cost of the digital donation units

Treasurer Update

- Summary
 - Booster juice can't be properly represented month to month as people can pre-pay for the orders
 - Swapnil noted that Booster juice is roughly \$100 a month profit which is fairly low
 - Opportunity to replace Booster Juice with a more lucrative option in the Fall that has more desire
 - Caroline noted that Subway and Tim Hortons would likely be successful
 - Action item: Jacklyn to deposit the Hot Lunch Q1 cheque into the Libro account
- Playground Summary



- ~\$8,789 net profit so far, with a ~\$492 receivable to come in from a tax rebate, unsure of when this will come in
- Swapnil noted that there would be a benefit to having a check and balance review at the end of each month for ongoing reconciliation
 - School account is difficult to reconcile, waiting until the end of the year can make it lengthy and difficult
 - **Action item: Swapnil to send the reports with details to the execs/admin**

**School Council meeting adjourned at 7:03pm
Home and School meeting called to order at 7:03pm**

Fundraising

- Review of 3 virtual motions
 - Talize, M&M and Croc Charms to have the proceeds go to playground enhancements, all three motions went through virtually and the forms were printed and added to the minutes binder
- Croc Charms
 - Charms should be here in time for the dance, selling 2 for \$7, not offering them individually unless students ask, then they are \$4 each
 - **Action item: Alex to create a poster for Croc Charms and school messenger blurb**
- Talize
 - School drop-off day decided for April 23rd, we can repurpose the pasta push area in the foyer for temporary storage
 - Volunteers asked to help that day by bringing loads to Talize, Janet mentioned they have a trailer that we may be able to use
 - Ensure families are reviewing the acceptable items
 - **Action item: Alex to create a school messenger blurb for the school drop-off day for posting**
- M&M Fundraiser
 - May 8-9, it will be featured in the Neighbours of Sunningdale and Neighbours of Oakridge & Hunt Club magazines
 - We have a continuous column in the magazine for anything we want to share monthly
 - **Action item: Alex to ask M&M if kids can market our fundraiser outside the store**
 - **Action item: Alex to confirm we are the only fundraiser that weekend to ensure there isn't misallocation of funds**
 - Fundraiser has been marketed at Ungers, Sunningdale Golf and Neighbours of Sunningdale
- Dominos Night
 - Proposed to have a night in June where we get a code
 - **Action item: Alex to create the column for Neighbours of Sunningdale magazine for this fundraiser once details are worked out**



Motion for a Dominos Pizza Night fundraiser with proceeds going toward playground enhancements

M: Alex Lind, S: Katie Brooks

CARRIED

- Balloon volunteer
 - Action item: Alex to reach out to the contact to confirm if they can offer balloons for the dance
 - Note that they can only be here after hours and need to be fully cleaned up due to an allergy
- Green Window
 - It seems like this organization has not done hot lunch before so we are going to pass on this opportunity right now
- Great Canadian Bagel
 - Potentially a fundraiser opportunity in the future rather than hot lunch
 - We are passing on this opportunity right now, will re-evaluate in the fall
- Frozen Fridays
 - Proposal for freezies to be sold on two Fridays in June (5th and 12th?)
 - Noting we want to avoid any potential field trips
 - Date to be decided on in May meeting
 - We need 4-5 volunteers from council for these two days
 - Buying, freezing, transporting and selling
 - Student council could potentially help with freezie sales
 - Action item: Alex to connect with admin to see if we can collaborate with student council for freezie sales

Treasurer Update

- Next meeting we need a specific Libro update for Home and School portion of the meeting (monthly statement)
 - Action item: Swapnil to bring the Home & School statement for next meeting

Hot Lunch

- Sarah proposed that we review hot lunch options for what is most popular/profitable
 - Action item: Council to decide on member to bring this information for June meeting for review, or send via email for discussion
- Potential to do a poll in June for what kids want for hot lunch
- We will discuss the hotlunchorders.com but will likely continue with this due to the coordination benefit

Home and School meeting adjourned 7:44pm

Next Meeting Monday May 4th, 2026 @ 6:00pm