



**Sir Arthur Currie School Council & Home and School  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday January 5th, 2026 @ 6:00pm**

**Present:**

Katie Brooks, Jennifer Charlton, Janet Purdy, Alex Lind, Sarah Regnier, Jacklyn Varanelli, Caroline Woodburn, Moumita Bose, Terri Aunger, Rie Shivakawa

**Regrets:**

Mohamed Ahmed, Mariam Al-Azem, Sandeep Barot, Caroline Almeida  
Dennis Webster, Ashley Davis, Mihad Ismail, Melissa Ofori, Saba Ramzam, Clayton Brown, Maria Florencia Mora,

**Action Items from December Meeting:**

- Sarah and Caroline W. to connect as a sub-committee for playground enhancement (research grants, receive quotes etc.)
- Alex to make a secretary binder to keep at the school
- Katie to share booklet from training, infographic, resource document etc. with council
- Sarah to research digital storage options for succession planning

**School Council meeting called to order at 6:04pm**

**Welcome & Agenda Review**

- Katie welcomed everyone and introductions were performed as Janet Pursy is the new Vice Principal
- Agenda modification to move Hot Lunch to Home and School agenda  
*Motion for December meeting minutes to be accepted*

**M: Jacklyn Varanelli, S: Katie Brooks**

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**Admin Update**

- Caroline W shared school EQAO results slides
  - Overall, SAC is above TVDSB and provincial averages
  - Executive functioning skills and problem solving has been a focus in PD sessions
- Playground enhancement review
  - One quote received (~\$100,000 from Blue Imp), the other two (Henderson and APE) are expected by Jan 9th and will be presented at the February meeting
  - Teacher supervision will be required to manage the ages of children on the equipment as they have allowable age ranges
  - TVDSB has ~\$50,000 in requirements for the enclosed woodchip area, the actual structure is ~\$50,000
  - Inclusive (ADA) playground required by TVDSB, ramp would be ~\$10,000
  - Blue Imp contact will send grant information



- Action Item: Caroline W to share any grant information with council for applying
- Donation package to be created to canvas community
  - Action Item: Alex to create donor email and one-pager for canvassing
  - Plaques will be added to a donor wall in the school (potential for Project Carve to provide donor plaques)
    - Tier/structure of recognition wall to be determined
- Action Item: Caroline W to email out quotes to school council email and we will review in preparation for February's meeting
- Inquiry about warranty and insurance for the playground

### Family Centre Update

- Reminder of free drop in playgroups
- Hosting a free parenting workshop Jan 22th-March 12th sessions
  - Child minding is available
  - Flyers sent to Mrs. Serpa, can be shared on school messenger
- Family night January 20th
- Ballet will be offered on Tuesdays (city program)

### Fundraising Update

- Flip Give and Mabel's Labels poster and school messenger for passive fundraising
- Booster juice available to purchase
- Chocolate fundraiser:
  - \$4,900 raised
  - A few late payments that we are connecting with, one family that returned opened cases
    - Action Item: Extra chocolates will be sold at the movie night
  - Discussion about paying in advance, WFC sales rep mentioned that uptake is usually less with upfront payments
  - Lesson learned about only one case per family for next time
- Family Movie Night
  - January 29th at 6:00pm, one movie in the gym for all ages, geared towards younger grades, \$2/person on School Cash Online, no outside food permitted
  - Action Item: Caroline W. to confirm capacity for the gym (~500) to add capacity to School Cash Online
  - Learn 360 board approved movies, no license required, has to be on Criterion website and reported if showing a DVD rather than streaming
    - Sonic 3 decision, will raffle the movie as a door prize
  - Future opportunity to do a pizza sale for family events
  - Gym will be set up with half chairs and gym mats, no activity room due to audio issues



- **Action Item: Alex, Jacklyn, Katie, Sarah to meet as a sub-committee following the meeting to work out details**

### **Treasurer Update**

- No update as treasurer absent
- Future opportunity to look at trends for hot lunches so we can make adjustments
- Request to have a playground enhancement total each month combining all fundraising efforts

**School Council meeting adjourned at 7:26pm  
Home and School meeting called to order at 7:26pm**

### **Kiss & Ride Concerns**

- Mounita raised concerns about kiss & ride parking and dangerous behaviour
- Community member wrote a letter to the school and the city, Corinne has asked parking enforcement to attend the school
- Some rudeness faced by staff at the school from parents
- Suggestion to share ideas and “what to do” as a guideline for how to use the kiss & ride and parking lot (one-way traffic, no stopping in traffic, no idling, be kind to staff etc.)
  - **Action Item: Jenn to send video example that students can create to share with parents**

### **Fundraising**

- Hot lunch message
  - Needs correction for [hotlunchorders.com](http://hotlunchorders.com) to be the way to place hot lunch orders, not school cash online
  - **Action Item: Caroline W to message parents that Hot Lunch is on the [hotlunchorders.com](http://hotlunchorders.com) and not School Cash Online**
  - First quarter cheque will be provided to Jacklyn and she will provide the update to the committee

### **Treasurer Update**

- No update as treasurer absent

**Home and School meeting adjourned 7:40pm**

**Next Meeting Monday February 2nd, 2026 @ 6:00pm**