



**Sir Arthur Currie School Council & Home and School  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday March 2nd, 2026 @ 6:00pm**

**Present:**

Katie Brooks, Jennifer Charlton, Janet Purdy, Alex Lind, Sarah Regnier, Jacklyn Varanelli, Caroline Woodburn, Moumita Bose, Rie Shivakawa, Swapnil Verma, Bayley Inniss, Ashley Davis

**Summary of Action Items**

- Sarah R. to email the council the grant summary
- Alex to create Spring Dance poster and School Messenger post, add reminder to keep the gym clean so we can continue to enjoy these events
- Sarah N. to ensure the gym and activity room are available for that day with programming
- Jacklyn to add School Cash Online for dance
- Alex to confirm with Cindy at M&M as well as create a poster and School Messenger post. Marketed as the beginning of BBQ/holiday season. Confirm Home & School will be the recipient of the payment
- Caroline to add M&M poster to May newsletter as well as reminders leading up
- Swapnil to separate H&S expenses out of the YTD fundraising for the playground enhancements for a more accurate snapshot of the funds raised thus far
- Alex to confirm in the minutes where that income is to be allocated, if it is for Home & School hospitality
- Bayley to develop a bike bus survey and send to Caroline to review and post on School Messenger
- Bayley to connect with London Cycle Link to see about running a rodeo or Ride to Thrive program again this year in the Spring (potentially Grade 5/6)
- Jacklyn to reach back out to McDonald's to coordinate with [hotlunchorders.com](https://hotlunchorders.com) to make the connection and choose a day
- Alex to contact Talize to get proposed dates for a fundraiser, provide poster and School Messenger information to Caroline

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

**Welcome & Agenda Review**

- Jacklyn welcomed everyone and introductions were conducted as Sarah N. and Bayley were new attendees
- Agenda was reviewed; no modifications or additions  
*Motion for February meeting minutes to be accepted*

**M: Katie Brooks, S: Alex Lind**

**CARRIED**



### **Admin Update**

- Grace 3 completed CCAT testing to identify gifted students
  - Results expected in May
- EQAO in May
  - Practicing test tasking skills underway and ramping up
  - All teachers in April staff meeting get training on administering EQAO
- Character trait for March is Respect
  - Assembly Tuesday March 31 at 9:15am, different timing than usual due to conflicts
- No additional staff off to report
- Playground update:
  - Package has been submitted to the board, we will await to hear the approval
  - Grant Update
    - **Action item: Sarah to email the council the grant summary**
    - 8 grants we are eligible for, most do not state how much they are for
      - 1 closed for this year
      - Several are open eligibility, 2 are twice/year, 1 coming up due April 30th
- Volleyball
  - Boys intermediate team won AAA finals!
- Badminton starting up with Ms. Shipley and Mr. Campbell
- Spirit Days:
  - Friday March 13th wear green for St.Patrick's Day
  - Tuesday March 31st Spirit Wear day

### **Family Centre Update**

- Sarah Nettercott, the new Program Supervisor introduced herself as she joined in February 2026
- Saturday March 14th playgroup at the Family Centre from 9:30-12:30
- Family game night March 17th from 5:30-7:30pm all ages
- Flyer shared for virtual urgent care
  - Can access even if you have a family doctor
- Childcare registration for before/after programs is underway
- Summer registration went out this week, will open to outside families

### **Fundraising Update**

- Playground Engancements
  - Spring Dance
    - Thursday April 23rd (night before PD Day)
    - Dennis will DJ



- JK-Grade 5 @ 5:00-6:30pm, Grade 6-8 @ 7:00-8:30pm
- Snacks, drinks, glow sticks, face paint/glitter will be decided in the subcommittee group
- Guardian/supervisor needed for the JK-Grade 5 group, will be checked at sign-in
- Action Item: Alex to create Spring Dance poster and School Messenger post, add reminder to keep the gym clean so we can continue to enjoy these events
- Action Item: Sarah to ensure the gym and activity room are available for that day with programming
- Action Item: Jacklyn to add School Cash Online for dance

*Motion for Spring Dance funds to be allocated to Playground Enhancements*

**M: Alex Lind, S: Katie Brooks**

**CARRIED**

- Business Collaboration
  - M&M Meats open for our fundraiser, we will plan for May 8/9/10 weekend
    - Action Item: Alex to confirm with Cindy at M&M as well as create a poster and School Messenger post. Marketed as the beginning of BBQ/holiday season. Confirm Home & School will be the recipient of the payment
    - Action Item: Caroline to add to May newsletter as well as reminders leading up
  - Cobs bread sited the last time they hosted our school there were no purchases
- Coyote Paw Campaign
  - We can look to launch this once we get board approval
  - Potential for business/corporate donations to have "platinum" options
  - Potential to launch this in this school year if timelines align, as we are awaiting board approval to approach businesses

### **Treasurer Update**

- Swapnil provided a new school YTD report (September-end of January)
- Listed by fundraisers, debits and credits listed for each
- Noted a receivable that will be incoming for chocolate fundraiser
- There are some assumptions made that are listed in the detailed reports
- For Booster Juice we can see credits for families who bought multiple upfront, the debits for those won't come out until we pay Booster Juice so the profit is slightly inflated at this time
- Jacklyn noted that some of the debits, like Carnival, would come out of the Home & School slush fund budget, and not out of the playground enhancement allocations
  - Action item: Swapnil to separate H&S expenses out of the YTD fundraising for the playground enhancements for a more accurate snapshot of the funds raised thus far



- Jenn noted that we should have a small fundraiser to replenish the ongoing slush fund in Home and School for hospitality (like teacher gifts etc.)
  - Caroline thought Flip Give and Mabels Labels was allocated to hospitality
  - **Action Item: Alex to confirm in the minutes where that income is to be allocated, if it is for Home & School hospitality**
- Jacklyn noted that hot lunch only shows October, November, December profits as there is a quarterly lag in those cheques
  - Another note was mentioned that [hotlunchorders.com](http://hotlunchorders.com) seems to be a barrier for parents to use, School Cash Online seems easier and more familiar for families
- Some discussion surrounding alternative fundraising ideas
  - Look to do another selling fundraiser in the fall, box of cards, cookie dough, little cesars etc.
  - Janet noted that the box of cards was lucrative for Jack Chambers, they sent a box of cards home with every family and if they didn't want to participate in the fundraiser they could send the card boxes back, the majority of families paid and kept them

**School Council meeting adjourned at 6:47pm**  
**Home and School meeting called to order at 6:47pm**

### **Bike Bus Proposal**

- Bayley Inniss joined the meeting to discuss this proposed initiative
- Proposal to start a bike bus in September, it is the biking version of a walking school bus where families meet at a designated location together and everyone rides together to school with parent volunteers
- Our school has participated in Ride to Thrive which is great connection
- Would run the bus 1 or 2 days/week as Bayley and her husband can be the front/end of the bike bus
- Bayley is seeking for this event to be run as a Home & School event, for help with communications as well as to be covered by insurance
- Students would need to bring locks, there was a note about bike stand space and we will need to determine how many bikes we can accommodate with the bus and other students
- Bike Cafe can help get us supplies at cost like bells, locks etc.
- Bayley will be looking for volunteers, most adults ride with their children, Bayley and her husband would be the main chaperones that know the rules and maintain them
- Bayley will need to be a member of Home & School, it will cover both her and her husband under the family membership
  - Bayley can join June meeting to sign up for Home and School for the year
- Jacklyn proposed a survey with the map and to gauge interest and make connections
  - **Action Item: Bayley to develop a bike bus survey and send to Caroline to review and post on School Messenger**



- Jenn noted some history of a bike rodeo perhaps run by The Optimist Club
  - Challenges, prizes, companies selling gear etc.
  - May be a good opportunity to increase the bike culture at SAC
- Caroline noted that Ride to Thrive was a great program to run through the school to learn biking rules etc.
- Bayley is a member of London Cycle Link and they run Ride to Thrive
  - **Action Item: Bayley to connect with London Cycle Link to see about running a rodeo or Ride to Thrive program again this year in the Spring (potentially Grade 5/6)**
- Bikers in the bike bus follow the highway traffic act so they ride on the road, scooters are welcome to join but must stay on the sidewalk
- Bayley will likely get it up and running in the Spring with her daughter and try and spread the word prior to the launch in the fall
- Idea about a bike pledge, potential fundraising idea where kids are sponsored to ride a certain amount and the money could go to playground enhancements

## Fundraising

- McHappy Day
  - **Action Item: Jacklyn to reach back out to McDonald's to coordinate with [hotlunchorders.com](http://hotlunchorders.com) to make the connection and choose a day**
  - We can choose a profit margin for this day, maybe it will be more than the traditional \$1/meal profit
  - Swapnil made a point of adding a small token or something for this day as a special add on to bring some value and makes the upcharge more "worth it" in the eyes of the parent
- Talize
  - We can coordinate a time period where people can drop off items on behalf of our school fundraiser and we get a kick back per weight
  - **Action Item: Alex to contact Talize to get proposed dates for a fundraiser, provide poster and School Messenger information to Caroline**
- Bottle Drive
  - Jacklyn noted previous success when council picked up donations within the community
  - Drop off bottle drive was also successful but not as lucrative as picking up
  - There is some work needed from council to collect and drop off at the Beer Store
- Frozen Fridays
  - Proposal for freezies to be sold on a few Fridays during recess in the warmer months
  - There was a note on the chaos, proposal to have colour specific tables to help with the organization
  - Student council could potentially help with freezie sales



- Assemblies

- There was a note to ensure upcoming events or fundraisers are talked about in the assemblies
  - Action Item: Alex to email Janet near the end of each month what is coming up, provide posters or slides to share
  - Morning announcements can also have more information on fundraisers
  - Student council can also support relaying this information to students

**Home and School meeting adjourned 7:25pm**

**Next Meeting Monday April 13th, 2026 @ 6:00pm**