



**Sir Arthur Currie School Council & Home and School
Meeting Minutes
Monday November 3rd, 2025 @ 6:00pm**

Present:

Mohamed Ahmed, Terri Aunger, Moumita Bose, Katie Brooks, Jennifer Charlton, Ashley Davis, Maria Florencia Mora, Anthony Friday, Mihad Ismail, Alex Lind, Melissa Ofori, Saba Ramzam, Sarah Regnier, Rie Shivakawa, Jacklyn Varanelli, Caroline Woodburn

Regrets:

Mariam Al-Azem, Caroline Almeida, Sandeep Barot, Erica Morrill, Dennis Webster

School Council meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Welcome & Agenda Review

- Jacklyn welcomed everyone to the meeting and inquired about agenda additions, noting meeting acceptance to be added
 - *Motion for October minutes to be accepted*
M: Melissa Ofori, S: Katie Brooks **CARRIED**
- Two attendees added their emails to be added to the distribution list

Admin Update

- Still awaiting EQAO results
 - Usually End of Sept/Early October
- Character education assembly
 - Whole school assembly, noted some hiccups and lessons learned
 - Some parents were not notified that their children were receiving awards, will remediate that for next awards
 - November 28th will be the Responsibility assembly
 - Opportunity: Continuing with awards being at the beginning of the assembly so parents can get back to work if needed
- Two staff members on leave:
 - Mrs. Morrill
 - Position will be staffed this week (November 3)
 - Mrs. Fonseca
 - Position will be staffed next week (November 10)
- Two new EAs started November 3:
 - Ms. Chen and Mr. Matis
- Facilities Update: Top priority is playground enhancements
 - Fundraising in both School Council and Home and School
 - Need 3 quotes and approval on a quote as a next step
- Extracurriculars: Intermediate girls basketball is running
- School Events: Sock drop on now, November 13th will be the drop and tally



- Parent Educator Interviews:
 - November 13th and 14th with some differences where educators will provide alternative dates
- Student photos: LifeTouch rep was on-site and they went well and quality seems good
 - Retakes November 21
- Spirit Wear sales closing soon
 - Jennifer noted there is band/choir clothing on Cash Online and t-shirts are not available for band
 - **Caroline to look into this discrepancy**

Action Items from October Meeting:

- **Action: Review minutes from previous council minutes, connect with Melissa to determine who the Chair was at the time of the structure purchase**
- **Action: Caroline to look into vendors and board requirements for a playground**
- **Action: Teachers to ask kids for feedback on what they would like to see in a new playground**

Fundraising Update

- Alex provided update on fundraising sub-committee meeting including a handout for reference
 - Noted the success of the Halloween dance and how the snacks went over really well
 - Worlds Finest Chocolate's seemed like the best profit margin to run before the holidays
- Movie Night
 - Proposed date of January 29th (evening before PA Day)
 - Need to get a license, option for yearly membership or a one-time license
 - Idea to have primary movie running in the library - need to determine food/drink restrictions
 - **Action: Caroline to double check license and library rules**
- *Motion for movie night in 2026 with proceeds going towards the playground upgrades*
M: Jacklyn Varanelli, S: Katie Brooks **CARRIED**
 - Frozen Friday suggestion for the Spring
 - Caroline noted freezie sales are usually a huge success
 - Spring Fling Dance suggestion for the Spring
- Outlined there are current and other proposed events on the handout
- Jacklyn noted Flip Give and Mabel's Labels which are ongoing passive fundraisers (deferred to Home and School)
 - Sign into app and make purchases and the school gets a percentage back
 - **Action: Alex to create an updated marketing poster as a reminder for parents that this exists, including Mabel's Labels**
- Caroline noted we cannot do a Break the Rules day, need to be cognisant of Mother's Day/Father's Day events
- Melissa noted that Cinnabon vouchers might be good to do around Family Day



- Discussion surrounding allergies and food preferences
 - Caroline noted that chocolates are a common gift within the school
 - Jennifer and Melissa noted a Stratford chocolate fundraiser around Easter that was successful
 - **Action: Alex to attach WFC flyer to meeting minutes, noting the opportunity for prizes**
- *Motion for World's Finest Chocolate's fundraising to be initiated this fall with proceeds going towards the playground upgrades*

M: Alex Lind, S: Melissa Ofori

CARRIED

Family Centre Update

- Terri Aunger provided update on the centre and offerings
 - Free drop in playgroups
 - Connect families to services in the city (settling services, finding a family doctor, childcare services etc.)
 - Met with Early Years Team and created a poster of all available services to share
 - Will have a coffee morning with SAC staff to promote the services and ensure everyone knows about what is offered

School Council meeting adjourned at 6:46pm

Home and School meeting called to order at 6:46pm

Fundraising

- Halloween Dance
 - Just under 100 kids attended
 - Profit of \$683.26 (including the proceeds from the food trucks)
 - \$537.50 deposited to Libro from cash sales
 - \$230 from food trucks went towards subsidizing this event
 - \$235 from Cash Online sales
 - Expenses were ~\$330
 - Snacks were well received (sour keys could have been \$1 each)
 - All decorations can be re-used for next year
 - Noted that raffles are a great option if we want to get a lottery license
 - Need a license for anything that is chance/luck
 - Thank you to Dennis for DJ-ing for free!
- Flip Give and Mabel's Labels
 - *Motion for proceeds from Flip Give and Mabel's Labels to continue to go towards hospitality*

M: Melissa Ofori, S: Katie Brooks

CARRIED

Hot Lunch Menu Updates

- October-December
 - Tuesday Domino's Pizza
 - Thursday Wellness Cafe
 - Option to change this menu based on feedback



- Caoline noted build-a-bowl was a good seller for staff
- Options for Jan-March: Build-a-Bowl, Subway, Wok Box, Marble Slab
 - Action: Jacklyn to check if McDonald's/Wendy's/Tim Hortons can be added to hotlunchorders.com
- Noted that the website is not the easiest interface and there are no reminders sent
- Query if there are analytics on what sells well to help make evidence based decisions
- Monthly home and school association meetings are a good forum to see what is working well
 - There is a hot lunch group where Jacklyn sends updates on what is selling
- Discussion surrounding kids having more ownership over conversations with parents surrounding hot lunch
- Peanuts, tree nuts and dairy allergies: McDonald's is one of the only fast food options
- Action: Jacklyn to check if there are notification options (email/text)
- Action: Caroline to send out in School Messenger a reminder about the new process for ordering hot lunch and outlining there is an app as well including a link

Snow Maintenance

- New snow plowing company will be utilized this winter season in hopes that the snow hill won't be on the walkway
- Catwalk is city property if parents want to advocate for better maintenance

Next Meeting Monday December 1st, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Home and School meeting adjourned 7:16pm