

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 1, 2025

Location: East Carling Learning Commons

Members Present: Victoria Hackett, Kelly McGee, Deb Spears, Cassie Foster, Scott Mclean, Susanne Young, Shane Riley, Nathan Dowdell (online)

Agenda Item	Decision/Action Taken Person(s) Responsible
<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	Victoria
<i>Review and approval of previous minutes</i>	Deb approved. Kelly seconded
<i>Administration Report (Ms Young and Mr Reily)</i>	<p>No changes coming to administration for the new year.</p> <p>School improvement- literacy/reading, working on foundational skills to increase fluency and comprehension. Math foundation skills- decomposition and multiplicative thinking and applying skills. We have a classroom math support teacher that comes 2 days a week. All SK-grade 2 screened with acadian screener. Province wide piece. We also have classroom literacy support person looking at data to pull groups that need support. Waiting for EQAO data.</p> <p>Safe and inclusive school plan. Ripple effect - 5 R's. Making sure students are aware of what it is and how to incorporate it. Starting to see kids becoming engaged with it, still needing some more implementation. The lower hallway has the Ripple effect board for information.</p> <p>Lifetouch approached school with information if we want to switch from Edge Imaging. Lifetouch would start Sept 2026.</p> <p>Attendance review - north of Dundas will stay at EC, south of Dundas will go to Prince Charles. Letters waiting with the Ministry to be stamped before sending out to families. A</p>

	<p>transition team will be set up lead by Prince Charles principal. HR working on number of students moving and how that impacts staffing</p> <p>Montcalm open house on Wednesday Dec 3 6pm-8pm. Coffee Connection Dec. 17 for all families to connect</p> <p>Grade 1-8 winter concert on December 17, dress rehearsal at 12pm. 6pm concert for families to attend Kindergarten concert December 18. Carol Sing on December 19.</p> <p>Thinking about TVPIC money - previous Kindergarten welcome bucket. Maybe using it for math games or a games night.</p> <p>Gym storage room depleted. Wondering if there can be some support, especially for badminton rackets and other items needing attention. Deb proposed a donation of \$1200, Victoria second. Approved</p>
<p><i>Treasurer's Report:</i></p>	<p>Current \$7480.53. Investing with Children still to come out \$1000. Remaining \$6480.53</p>
<p><i>New/Ongoing</i></p>	<p>Greening Project - trees and benches installed. There is a little bit of money left over, benches to go out front. Some benches moved to the kindergarten yard, they were not secured well in the first location. Currently working on getting donations for concrete to create a path in the front space used for outdoor learning to make it more accessible. Grants being applied to to start pollinator garden</p> <p>Staff Update/Changes - no changes</p> <p>Snow/yard/playground policies for winter - Playground is officially closed now as the ground has frozen. No throwing snow, announcements have been made to remind students. Snow piled near the south yard, trying not to have it placed there in the future.</p>

	<p>Observing how well they interact with the snow pile, when students become unsafe everyone is removed.</p> <p>Safe school update - no updates</p> <p>Year end trips - Gr. 8 no decisions made for plans. Staff asked to investigate options and reach out to parents for input.</p> <p>PRO grant - Games night Victoria motion. Deb second. Approved</p>
<i>Call for new Business</i>	<p>Blue Jays care program - need to look for staff to take on. Requires some training. The program is free but we need to apply. Would be for the next school year.</p> <p>Bus Safety - system for students to follow. Progressive discipline when needed. Working with drivers. Conduct reports have been decreasing. Bus monitors were considered and looked into but did not work due to multiple factors. Bus monitors are also only attached to one student.</p>
<i>Upcoming Dates</i>	<p>December 3 - Montcalm open house December 17- Winter concert December 18- Kindergarten winter concert</p>

Next Parent Council Meeting: February 2, 2026