ELSIE MACGILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

Monday, September 28, 2026
School Council Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm - Learning Commons (Library)

Land Acknowledgement, Approval of Agenda	Alexiis Stephen	2 mins
School Council Elections	Alexiis Stephen	20 mins
Student Update Alveena Khan	Haniya Sajid Saleha Ashrafi	10 mins
Staff/Principal's Report	Alexiis Stephen	5 mins
Any other business, open to floor questions, Adjourn	Alexiis Stephen	10 mins

DATES OF INTEREST

Sept 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Nov 2 - 6 Treaties Recognition Week
October - Islamic Heritage Month	Nov 4 - Take your kids to work day - Gr. 9's Nov 4 - Guest Speaker - Sam Demma
Oct 8 - 5th Week Reports	Nov 9 - School Council Meeting #2
Oct 9th - 12th - Thanksgiving - School Closed (PA Day)	Nov 11 - Term 1 ends Nov 12 - Term 2 begins
Oct 29 - Innovation Night	Nov 23 - Midterm Reports
	Nov 26 - Parent Teacher Night/Family Conversation Night
	Nov 27 - PD Day - No Classes

School Council Meeting
Sept 28, 2026 at 6:00pm
MINUTES

Present: Camille McLaughlin, Naela Ahmed, Saba Qureshi, Georgia Ludwig, Pete Ludwig, Shafiq Vayani, Haniya Sajid (student), Saleha Ashrafi (student)

Staff: Alexiis Stephen

Regrets: N/A

Land Acknowledgement & Approval of Agenda
Alexiis Stephen called the meeting to order at 6:07pm
Alexiis Stephen read the HDSB Land Acknowledgement and provided an update on what the school will be doing this week to acknowledge the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.

Approval of the Agenda
Moved by: Camille McLaughlin
Seconded by: Saba Qureshi
Carried Unanimously

Student Updates
Haniya Sajid and Saleha Ashrafi provided updates from Student Leadership. Updates included;

- Club Fair
- Starting up of school sports, clubs and initiatives
- Upcoming Grade Olympics (Oct 15)

School Council Elections
Alexiis Stephen shared the results of the self-nominations (2 Secretaries and 4 Parent Involvement Council Representatives). Of the 2 secretarial nominations, 1 was present and of the 4 Parent Involvement Council Representatives (PIC), 2 were present.

Camille McLaughlin volunteered to be the 2026/27 School Council Chairperson.
Georgia Ludwig volunteered to be the 2026/27 School Council Secretary.
Shafiq Vayani volunteered to be the 2026/27 School Council PIC Representative.
The role of School Council Treasurer remains vacant.

Approval of Elected Positions was Moved, Seconded and Carried Unanimously.

Principals Report
Alexiis Stephen provided an update from the Administration team. Updates included

- Elsie MacGill current population - 1288
- Ongoing class sizes, space availability and start of the year hiring
- Grade Assemblies as a medium to speak with all students about expectations as students of Elsie MacGill & supports offered and available.
- Upcoming Dates

Members of the Parent Council shared perspectives as parents and community members. Parent Council members shared that they like having a common lunch for Elsie MacGill students and believe that EMSS is a great school for students. This is demonstrated in student behaviour within the school community and while on co-op placements.

Additional discussion was given to Freshman Friday social media updates and recent FaceBook dialogue in connection to a mayoral candidate on school property. Members of Parent Council were encouraged to both give voice to and clarify messaging to support school-community transparency.

Parent Council shared concerns in regards to parking, pick up and signage in the parking lot area. Alexiis Stephen will bring this feedback to the administration team for further discussion and consideration.

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment

Alexiis Stephen adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm. The next School Council meeting will be held on November 9th, 2026 at 6:00pm.