Clarksdale School Council

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Clarksdale School Council Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2026 @ 7pm · Clarksdale Library

MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

Land Acknowledgement: Vice Principal, Tracey Croke

Approval of tonight's agenda and the minutes from September 29, 2026
Motioned: Emily Seconded: Caitlin :PASSED

2026 - 2027 Initiative plan

- November: Big Box of Cards/TerraCotta Cookies/Gingerbread Cookie Event
- January: Parents Night Out
- February: Winterfest/Dance-a-thon/Muskoka Roastery
- March/May: Trivia Nights
- June: Ball Park Day/Fun Fair

Principal's Report: Jay Poitras

- HDSB has 6 different pillars: Clarksdale has a Staff Champion for each pillar
- Subsidized technology from covid is coming to end of life: Proposal - Computer Lab for Primary
  - Council is supportive
- Address EQAO scores: above the provincial standard, Grade 6 Reading/Writing - 91%
  - Grade 3 Math - 40% meet the standard
  - Due to our numbers Clarksdale has access to a Math Coach: for 9 weeks
  - Looking forward: Where are the needs? How do we address them?
- Introduction to My Wolf Pack Growth Paw Collection for monthly character traits
  - Monthly recognition of EACH student - growth looks different for every student

Teacher's Report: Jessica

- XC was such a success- Started Running club (5k run: Saturday, December 12th in the community)
- Rotary is going quite well- Team teaching taking place in primary grades
- Outdoor Learning - Check weather network so students are dressed for the weather
- Indigo love of Reading: $8600 for New Books
- Gratitude Monthly Trait (Grade 3 FI running the next assembly)
- Progress reports go home later this month
- Friday is Costume Parade @ 9:30am
- Diwali: November 8th
- Remembrance Day Assembly: November 11th

How can parent council help?

- 2026 - 2027 Focus: fund student experiences as a council - move away from technology
- Volunteers, funding or event support the school is asking for.

Upcoming Events:

Clarksgiving: Tuesday, Oct 27th 6pm - 7:15pm: Lead: Lesley / Emily

- Gymnasium, 2 Kindie Classrooms, Kindie Playground and the Library
- 7:15pm: Falling for Clarksdale in the gymnasium

Gingerbread Cookie Decorating:
- Thursday, December 10th - Melissa: Lead. Volunteers needed: [number].

Winterfest: Info TBD

Parents Night Out:
- Thursday, January 14th - Yoga Night
- Thursday, January 21th - Fitness Activity: Ms Helik/Mme Mattar
- Thursday, January 28th - Basketball

Day at the Ballpark: to be held in June. Lead: Caitlin
Fun Fair: to be held in June. Lead: Janelle
PIC Event: Astronomy in Action: 4 - 25min (capacity: 240 people over the 4 timeslots): $1500

Motion to spend the PIC grant and the PRO grant for Astronomy in Action

Motioned: Melissa Seconded: Janelle :PASSED

Initiatives:

Clarksdale Cares Pantry: launching November. Lead: Carrie
- Bring in boxed cereal.
- Engagement event in December: cereal box dominos

Clarksdale Collective: Lead: Janelle Vanderveen
- 37 hours pledged and completed,
- Upcoming volunteer needs

Fundraising Campaigns: updates from respective leads
- Big Box of Cards: Catherine
- TerraCotta Cookies: Chelsea
- Kernels: Caitlin (moving to monthly blocks)
- Domino's Pizza: Lead: Janelle
- Muskoka Roastery: lead to be confirmed

Finances

Account balance is approximately $5600. Recent income and expenses shared with the council via email

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report

Motioned: Janelle Seconded: Chae :PASSED

Motion to approve funds raised through 2026-2027 council initiatives to support student experiences,

- with specifics to be identified by admin based on school needs.
- Student experiences include, but are not limited to:
    - field trips, recess equipment, water fun day, a day at the ball park, grade 6 grad, fun fair

Motioned: Lesley Seconded: Melissa :PASSED

Next meeting: Monday, November 30 @ 7pm, Library

Motion to Adjourn the meeting:

Motioned: Chelsea Seconded: Melissa :PASSED

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15pm

Meeting chaired by: Sam
Minutes taken by: Emily

Those in Attendance: Jay, Tracey, Jessica, Sam, Caitlin, Lesley, Emily, Chelsea, Aparna, Janelle, Allysa, Kayt, Melissa, Chae-Lyn