School Council Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6:30pm

Attendance (19):

Ashley DeRidder
Karmyn Bokma*
Sarah Bean*
Jay Lewis*
Cassandra Corner*
Rachel Williams*
Fayrouz Fakhereddin*
Debbie St Louis
Jitendra Singh
Lisa Robert
Ryan Hannigan-Daley*
Kim Hannigan-Daley*
Laura Tripp*
Indu Suresh*
Adriane Manickaraj*
Stephanie O'Halloran
Emma Phillips
Merryn Renshaw-Williams
Megan Ballance*

Approval of April Minutes - Ryan, seconded by Merryn

Principal's Report - 2 chomp saws were donated by 2 families. Teachers have been having fun experimenting with them. All the kids have been using them. Math classes have used them for 2D to 3D shapes.
2 VEX Robotics kits were purchased by the school to support coding and robotics moving into next year ($1500).
Capital renewal - boys and girls' bathrooms are getting a FULL renovation. The current ones will be torn out and all new features installed. Stalls will have floor to ceiling doors. An ask has been made to have a smaller sized toilet in one of the stalls. The project will begin in summer 2027.
New projector for the music room to be installed in the coming weeks. It was donated so a savings of $3000.
Proposed school day schedule for 2026-2027 - bell times and nutrition break times will be the same. Changes: Eat first and go outside second. Hot lunches will be served in the first break. There will be 5 periods that are an hour each.

Teacher's Report - Both Jr and Sr bands are going to compete for the Lions Club spot at Sound of Music. The winner will get to play at the festival and also get 8 hours of recording time. An original song will be released every Friday in May. Check out the instagram page to see the music videos.

Treasurer's Report - nothing has changed.

- Dug into pizza mystery. This year we started at $0 in the account. The average cost per slice was $2.49-2.50. The number of slices went down by nearly 300 slices. School cash fee per transaction increased by $0.50. Cost per slice increased by $0.10. Potential earnings per slice is $0.55. This year, we are projecting that we will have $2600 to spend. One reason for this is that we are also down a full class. DCB sent us 9 students

instead of 30 this year. This coming year will have another cohort of 30 students coming from DCB. Another reason could be that kids are not liking the pizza. School pizza is a different recipe from their regular pizza. We could investigate other places.
- Total funds available - $4488.50
- How much do we want to carry over to next year?
- MusicFest expenses rounding up to $1000. This includes merchandise tables (hats, posters, buttons), freezies, popcorn, ice cream, tattoos, wristbands for seating and fun fair events ($5/school family, $10/everyone else). The revenue will come back to the council and projected to be $2500. We need a line in the budget to support music fest. Revenue will reimburse the expenses and the remainder will be given to the music program. Bouncy castle has already been paid and taken out of the account.
- Vote to use council funds for music fest - passed unanimously
- Vote to use the proceeds to fund the music program - passed unanimously
- Money for grad - $1000 - passed unanimously

Upcoming Events

- MusicFest - subcommittee will share their meeting summarization with the whole council. Once the music schedule is shared, a call will be made for volunteers. Pre-sale of tickets begin on Friday. Wristband will be $5 and includes access to the bouncy castle, popcorn, glitter tattoo, ice cream, freezie).
- Administrative Procedures & Policy Documents Review and Feedback - fundraising policy and procedures and give feedback. School councils have the right to fundraise but must submit an annual report to the board and follow all HDSB procedures. By June 30, every school has to post an annual report for the community to look over. Schools should spend funds in the year they are raised. They can carry over a maximum surplus of $30/student. The revisions are to transition to a new policy template that is aligned with the current Multi-Year Strategic Plan, and a significant shift in legal compliance regarding gaming and third party fundraising.
- MacMillan's at MacMillans Update - wraps up this Thursday. Fewer orders have come in this time around. A reminder will be emailed before Thursday. 53 units sold as of last Friday. $1200 in sales. They will pre package at 150 orders. May 28th is pick up day. 2 volunteers needed to join Cassandra to hand out orders.
- Staff Appreciation - select date for end of June - $257 has been raised. Do it the same day as the Play Day (Tues/Wed of the last week).
- Tuck Shop for Basketball Tournament Volunteers Sign Up - Norah, student senator, will help out as part of her fundraising requirements being part of the senate. The tuck shop will be used to donate to the Halton Learning Foundation (HLF). May 14 and 28 are when the basketball tournaments are.
- School Council presence @ Kindie/DCB Night - May 21 - 5:30 - Kindie orientation, 6:30 - DCB orientation. Laura and Angela will take on the DCB hour. Give information on what council is and how to get involved and recommend getting the police check done over the summer.
- Chomp saw and robotics kit - Ashley will take care of that in her budget for next year.

Debrief

- This is the last meeting for this year. Any feedback for next year? We should meet more often to plan better.
- We need to decide how to use our money from this school year. Kindie toys, outdoor kitchen, shovels are all suggestions. Vote to earmark up to $1000 to go to an outdoor kitchen - passed unanimously.
- Another ask has been the pocket microscopes ($55/each). Vote to give up to $2000 to buy a class set of microscopes. This was passed unanimously.
- Grad ($1000) + Kindie Pen ($1000) + microscopes ($2000)= $4000

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm. No more meetings this year.