Sir Ernest MacMillan School Council
Oct 5, 2026 Meeting

Ashley DeRidder
*Cassandra Corner
*Sarah Bean
Lisa Robert
Karmyn Bokma
*Kim Hannigan-Daley
*Debbie St Louis
Angela VanDerMerwe
*Fayrouz Fakhereddin
Jitendra Singh
Adriane Manickaraj
*Laura Tripp
Amanda Kerr
Victoria Hawke
*Megan Ballance
*Rachel Williams
Merryn Renshaw-Williams
*Jay Lewis
*Ryan Hannigan-Daley
Stephanie O'Halloran
*Sara Middleton
*Indu Suresh
Lara Martin-Denby
Andrea James
*Lindsay Siegel

Total: 25 people

Passing the minutes from May: Ryan and Kim

Principal's Report:
Huge thanks to the garden fairy team. The front garden looks amazing. The class reorganization was a success and everyone is settled into their classes now.
Mr. Damery is helping with Grade ⅔ class on Tuesday mornings.
Extracurriculars are in full swing - volleyball, flag football, cross country.
Friday is a PD day for staff. Staff will be looking into IEPs, refine instructional and assessment strategies and strengthen family communication regarding the IPRC process. The Kindergarten team will be exploring their new curriculum. All staff will be participating in training about AI, digital literacy, cyber security and online safety.

EQAO scores: Grade 3 - Reading 76%, Writing 72%, Math 76%
Grade 6 - Reading 84%, Writing 87%, Math 58%

Council Overview and Roles:
Chairs: Cassandra and Megan
Treasurer: Laura
Fundraising:
Secretary: Sarah

PIC: Sara
Voting Members: Rachel, Fayrouz, Jay, Kim, Ryan, Lindsey, Indu, Debbie
Voting Members = 13
Quorum: 8

Dates: 6:30-7:30
November 2, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3

Treasurer's Report: Total: $5464.36

PIC Report: October 24th is the parent conference at Elsie MacGill Secondary in Milton. 3 workshop sessions, free lunch and snacks and networking in the morning. Registration is open now. Child Minding is available there as well.
PIC is like a parent council to the board. First and last meetings are in person at the board office. The rest of the meetings are online.

Upcoming Events:
Halloween (Dance/Parade) - voted to let grades 4-6 participate in the parade. Ashley will look into the logistics of having the older kids join in on the parade. There will be a dance that the classes will rotate through.
-**Reminder about Vulnerable Sector Check** - Volunteers to help with pizza, trips, and volunteering in the school all need VSC. Every year, you have to sign to say nothing has changed. Teachers now have to get a new one every 5 years.
-**Fall Movie Night -** maximum of 90 minutes. Brings in a little bit of revenue and helps build community. *Thursday, November 12.*
-**Winter Concert** - how can the council help? December 8. Meet and greet run by council and it will also be the teacher appreciation fundraising.
-**Gingerbread Decorating Night -** Families buy gingerbread kits and come to build together. We could use the PIC grant for this to lower the costs. This is a great January event to help with the January blues. We would have to buy them when on clearance.
-MacMillan's at MacMillans - brings in a decent amount of money. Cassandra will look into dates and get that set up.
- Work to Rule - events that can be run by Ashley and Marie would still run but any events that have a teacher as lead, they won't happen if we go to work to rule

Other Business:
- **Pizza -** We need 4 people who can commit to 45 min/week to make this run for about $2500. 10:15-10:50. The kids go outside first so maybe it would be a later shift to do the pizzas. The norm was each person doing 2-3x a month. A google doc schedule gets created to make schedules. Ashley will run it for the first month. Karmyn will head up the group.
- **Numbers of Meetings** - mandate is 4. Ashley is willing to meet us 6x.

- **Shared Calendar/doc with council and teachers** - Ashley will try her best to share school dates with council. We need to be aware of religious festivities when planning events.
- **Create/offer a certificate of achievement -** every student gets a certificate with stickers that kids can earn. Stickers would be for cross country, STEM, clubs, sports. Sheets of stickers are $2.50. Use the print shop to print the certificates. Ashley would pitch it to staff on Friday because they would need to take it on.

Meeting adjourned at: 8pm