

Orchard Park Public School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 5, 2026

Time: 7pm-8pm

Location: Library

Attendees

1. Andra Kennedy
2. Patty Georgopoulos
3. Lauren Chai
4. Dina Ghafir
5. Leigh Kennedy (Staff)
6. Joel Kindon
7. Gal Palmery
8. Peter Brzezinski
9. Kathryn Penaligan
10. Poonam Gahunia (VP)
11. Gemma Shugg (P)

Regrets

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Meeting called to order at: 7:05pm

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion to Approve Minutes - Patty Georgopoulos
- Second - Lauren Chai

3. Committee Updates

- Meeting Etiquette
 - Open and respectful communication
 - Virtual - staying muted until speaking
 - Voting members can't miss more than 2 meetings
- **Council Activities:**
 - Panther Popcorn
 - Movie Night
 - Bowling in lieu of skating
 - Staff Appreciation
 - PRO grant
 - Panther Party
 - Grade 8 Graduation

4. Treasurer's Report

- Started separating funds into smaller accounts last year (multiple fund lines)
- Council Member Selection
 - All executive roles filled
 - Still in need: PIC member

5. Fundraising/Events/New Business and Old Business

- Need to have funds available to run Panther Party - Thursday June 10th
 - Council subsidizes tickets for inflatables
 - Booked: Inflatable company and photobooth
- Cost of Panther Party dependent on sponsors
 - Start early
- Allocate funds for Term 1 Popcorn
 - Funds will go to Panther Party and Grade 8 Graduation
- **Ideas for Fundraising:**
 - Typically 2 Movie Nights
 - Fall - better attendance
 - Spring - attendance limited
 - Holiday Market
 - Booked: Thursday November 19th (evening)
 - Family Bowling Day in lieu of Family Skate

- Possible timeframe - February
 - Family Skate - liability constraints - can not run it
- STEAM Family Night
 - Science and technology evening
- Safe and Sweet Campaign
 - Purdys and First Aid Kits
 - Thinking to run Purdy's before holiday season
 - Gift card fundraiser
 - Order gift cards through a link and school gets a percentage back
 - Pair Purdys with Gift Card
 - Terra Cotta cookies
 - Possible switch with cake pops?
 - Cake pops are nut free, allergen free but no gluten free option
- Teacher Appreciation
- Birthday Book
 - Want to bring it back
 - Pay \$10 for a brand new book
 - On their birthday, they pick from the new ones and put their name in it and are able to be the first one to sign it out

6. School Report

- Reorganization

7. Questions/Discussion

8. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:08pm