



**School Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

Members Present:

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| - Marissa Turner | - T Sojnocki | - J. deSantis   | - D. Osborne     |
| - J. Hicke       | - A. Barnes  | - F. Lees       | - A. Cox Thomson |
| - B. Winter      | - A. Holden  | - C. Hitchcock  | - H. Brown       |
| - K. Cunningham  | - M. Stagg   | - M. Oxley      | - L. deWal       |
| - S. Kegler      | - S. Kehler  | - S. Sutherland | - K. Ripley      |

Regrets:

Call to Order: D. Osborne

Agenda Item	Notes/Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
Review and Approval of Agenda	NA	
Review and approval of previous minutes	NA	
HWDSB Land Acknowledgement	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty. The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity. We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.	Marissa Turner
Old Business Minutes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tricycles               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Purchased and kindergartners are happy</li> <li>- Four of the five ordered have been purchased.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Maker Space               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Donation of \$10,000 was acknowledged for its generosity and future impact.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Marissa

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laptop and Makerspace carts are in action, encouraging student creativity, Thank you Council.</li> </ul>	
<p>Teacher Report Minutes:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volleyball and basketball are the fall sports, so practices and games will be upcoming.</li> <li>• Positive Spaces, which focuses on allyship and has seen a great turnout out.</li> <li>• The Care Cupboard is being stocked, received free dental donations. It's a valuable resource for students in need, thank you to Council for the donation and support.</li> <li>• Ms. deSantis and Ms. Ghaffari applied for the WWF Canada's go wild grant (thanks to A. Barnes for the recommendation)</li> </ul>	
<p>Principal Report Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviews Nov 20/21           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-November 20 in the evening, from 4pm-7pm, or Friday 9am-12pm, or 12pm-3pm.</li> <li>-Parents are encouraged to attend, thank you to our educators for scheduling this time to connect around student achievement</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Moccasin Identifier</li> <li>• ordered stencil kits to share in the spring, ideally before spring open house. Students will learn what the moccasin symbol represents, about the land we are currently on, and stencil the perimeter of our outdoor space, in a powerful and beautiful statement.</li> <li>• PD Day learning highlights           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Principal Turner: We did some work around ensuring we have well being goals for our students. We understand that while academic success for every student is one of our strategic directions, ensuring that all students feel a sense of belonging, as well as all families feel a sense of belonging is important</li> <li>-we did some work around identifying caring students and caring adults, because that</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>relationship is reciprocal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maker Space update on cart and continuing to add to purchases</li> <li>• School Plan data – Tier 2           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-focus on small targeted instruction in classrooms and what that looks like</li> <li>-well-being goals for students and the importance of belonging for both students and families</li> </ul> </li> <li>• BCSS and School Council connections           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-if any parents of older students want to attend a meeting at Bernie Custis or want more info, please reach out via email to Principal Turner as they want to grow that community. What does a council look like at the secondary level?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>Chair Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fresh from Farms has closed, we raised \$672 and also received 15 bundles to donate (5 apple, 10 veggie bundles)</li> <li>• FFF deliveries will be in Nov-early Dec, we will have 10 days notice to share with everyone who ordered. We will need volunteers to help distribute bundles when they arrive</li> <li>• FFE - Suggestions as to where we will be donating said bundles? Some suggestions have been to the Ottawa St. community fridge and the Eva Rothwell center.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. Cox Thomson put forward the motion to donate one half of the bundles to the Ottawa Street Community Fridge and the other to the Eva Rothwell Centre; B. Winter seconded</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed</p> </li> <li>• Krispy Kreme fundraiser is live on SCO. The last day to order is Thurs, Nov 27th at 9pm. Pick up will be Dec 10th in the afternoon at</li> </ul>	

	<p>the school. Volunteers needed to support pick up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant Update: ChariTree Foundation Grant for \$5000 towards an outdoor classroom! Thank you Allison for your hard work in facilitating this grant application and continuing to support the school in all the outdoor beautification and outdoor learning endeavours!</li> <li>• TD FEF (Friends of the Environment Foundation) grant is due Jan 15th. This is for environmental education and green space projects, for between \$3,000-\$8,000       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. Holden will write the grant to focus on the outdoor education space</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Winter/Spring fundraising: We can start planning silent auction functionality and outreach for community donations now</li> <li>• Winter activity/ community event ideas: possible movie screenings for Adelaide families at Playhouse Cinema, talks are in the works       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-S. Kehlar spoke with someone at the Playhouse and hey really liked the idea of doing two or three nights for the school, because of their capacity, 277 seating. He said that they're available evenings over the holidays, over March Break, as long as we book in advance. It's essentially the same pricing as what they have on their website for theater rentals</li> <li>-potential to use the \$500 School Council start up funding to subsidize tickets for families in need</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Treasurer Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tricycles were almost \$2,600</li> <li>• Fresh from the Farms funds aren't in the account yet</li> <li>• bake sale total: \$982.30, \$500 of which went to the Care Cupboard</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• garden cleanup last year was \$901.35, so keep that in mind for a spring expense</li> <li>• purchased \$2,094.00 in laptops for the tech cart from Krispy Kreme fundraiser</li> <li>• total spent last by the 2024-2025 School Council: \$5,307.56</li> </ul>	
New Business Minutes:	<p><b>Next business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRO Grant – Due Nov 21<sup>st</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PRO Grant is due Nov 21st. A. Cox Thomson and C. Hitchcock to write the grant to focus on a dance/movement opportunity for students and parents, based on feedback that the kids want to dance from Mr. O’Connell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-local dance schools to be contacted by M. Oxley to investigate cost for 6 hour, 3 sessions of dance/yoga/hop hop, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Project needs to be completed and funding , spent June/26.</li> <li>• Bake sale proceeds: 1 \$500 Holiday Hamper vs \$100 for 5 families</li> </ul> <p>D. Osborne put forth the motion to buy 5 \$100 gift cards for 5 families  A. Barnes seconded; motion passed</p>	
Next Meeting Date/Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Via Teams @ 6:30</li> </ul>	
Adjournment	Adjourned by: A. Cox Thomson, C. Hitchcock seconded, meeting adjourned	