

Attendees:

Colleen Kaus, Eliana Arboleda, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Carolyn Golden, Clarissa Chaston, Amy Jacobs, Jeff Timmons, Lisa Zhao, Renan Dias, George Stefanyi, Mike Clarkson, Melissa Kuforiji

Non-Member Attendees:

Kimberly Chute(Principal), Shelly Vohra (Vice-Principal), Jennifer Flewelling (Teacher Rep)

Welcome:

Meeting called to order by Colleen at 6:32 pm.

Land Acknowledgement:

Read by Colleen.

Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes: Error in the spelling of Ms. Mcleod. Eliana to correct the minutes. Motioned to approve with amendment by Jeff. Second by Julie. Motion passed.

Motion to Approve October Agenda: Motioned by Eliana. Second by Julie. Motion passed.

School Constitution

Information:

The school constitution supersedes the school bylaws.

Every year we review to see if it meets the needs of our school and students.

Suggested Amendment: Minutes

Recommended to amend the constitution to state prior meetings minutes will be provided before the meeting. This removes the requirement to have the minutes set by a certain date.

Motioned by Eliana. Seconded by Jeff. Motion passed.

Teacher's Report: Jennifer Flewelling

- Volleyball: Both junior & senior girls and boys volleyball teams have started
- MacNab Tournaments:
- Senior Girls Volleyball tournament- Nov 7
- Senior Boys Volleyball tournament- Nov 14

- Dance Instruction: Christine Campbell will be joining us starting Nov 24 for a 2-week residency, offering high-quality dance instruction to all students.
- Martial Arts Workshops: UFMA will be visiting on Nov 13 and Nov 14 to provide engaging martial arts sessions.
- Music: primary choir to start Glendale on Monday Nov 3.
- Senior band will be playing at the Remembrance Day ceremony.
- Ms. McEwen advised last year that the students really enjoyed the cake draw. The school board has said we are not allowed games of chance where students can provide contributions to have better odds of winning. If we cannot do this as a fundraiser, the school is hoping for continued support even though it is no longer a fundraiser so the students can continue to enjoy the event.

Principal's Report: Kimberly Chute

Progress Reports will be sent home November 18, 2025

Interviews

Will take place on Thursday Nov 20 in the evening and all day (AM & PM) Friday Nov 20. Staff will pick 2 of the 3 time slots to be available for interviews.

Staff meeting part 2

It will take place tomorrow.

Fundraising Plan

1. Mums plant sales.
2. Open house/ meet the teachers' food and TCBY.
3. TCBY days once per month. TCBY will sort orders by classroom.
4. Pumpkin Sales
5. Pita pit day- once per month
Small pita. Multiple choices. Cost is \$5.00 school charges \$8.50.
6. Subway day- once per month
Choices: turkey, ham, coldcut, veggie. 6-inch cost \$4.50 school to charge \$6.50.
Foot long cost is \$8.00, and the school charges \$10.50.
7. Spirit wear- Will be available to order and will take 2 weeks to receive.
 - Student unisex t-shirts \$16
 - Adult shirts \$20-21, \$22 for a long sleeve
 - Crewnecks \$36
 - Pullover hoodies \$40
 - shorts \$25
 - Sweatpants \$36

Questions from Council re fundraising**What is the administration's goal/need for fundraising?**

Funds will be used for PE equipment, school improvement plan, student subsidies, trip/excursions, and enhancement funds.

What is the fundraising goal?

The goal is to raise \$16,000.

What is the purpose of all this fundraising?

1. Tech- We need above what the school board offers. Ex. Add more tablets to the tech bins.
2. School enhances funds to be used for things beyond the resources we currently have. If you want a certain type of paint, you can get it from this fund.
3. Anything additional the school may need.

What is prioritized for fundraising (is one category more important)? Will we cap the amount for each category?

No priority, no cap for each category. It will depend on the season and what the school needs.

Council noted that in previous years Ancaster Meadow avoided some of these initiatives to be inclusive for our school community. These fundraising requests can be a lot for families and even more so for families with multiple students. In the past the school chose to be intentional with the fundraising options we brought to the school.

Will the school provide information on specific items being fundraised for?

If the community wants to donate to the school, they can make a specific donation. They can flag that it goes to Ancaster Meadow and if they want it for a specific classroom, they can say that it is to be used at the discretion of the specific teacher, principal or staff.

If anyone has questions, please contact the Principal or Vice-principal.

Nutrition Program

The Principal and Vice principal are doing the ordering. The staff are supporting with bin filling.

PA Day October 24, 2025

AM session- prescribed by the board. They reviewed the Board Annual plan. Focused on caring & safe schools, compliance with code of conduct and bullying prevention.

PM session- staff met in the grade teams.

Grades K-2- worked with the reading specialist.

Grades 3-8- worked on numeracy and proficiency in math.

Picture day- was today October 29, 2025

They attempted to have class photos. The school votes on the photo contracts every year in the spring. If we are unhappy with photos, we can revisit it. This vendor has also committed to the grad photos.

Picture Retake Day is November 28, 2025

EQAO

results are not in yet.

Results will go home with the students when they are received. The results are also posted publicly.

Hydration Station

What does the water look like when it comes out? There are some concerns within our school community that classroom teachers are asking students to use the sinks in the classrooms.

In Ancaster Meadow lead levels are safe. Principal and Vice-principal are going to look where the results are posted and let the council know.

Grade 7 &8- My blueprint

It provides pathways for students to figure out what they are interested in. Helps select high school paths and interests beyond high school.

Blueprint can be viewed at home. Can be used to help narrow down general traits/interests for future education and job paths.

Opportunities:

Mad Science- for parents who want science experiments after school. They offer three programs.

1. JK-SK
2. Young Explorers: Gr 1-6
3. Global partnership: Gr 1 -6

Vision Screening and Dental Program with City of Hamilton

- Child vision screening for SK takes place on November 17, 2025
- They do a vision test for near and far sightedness.

School website

- The board is going through a website revamp. It will be out in the new year. Staff lists and emails will be updated on the website.

Questions

- Can we use the IPADS at the board?
 - We can ask about them but usually they need repair/maintenance or have been decommissioned.
- The door at the side of the school was stuck open more than once, what is happening with this?
 - This has been resolved. Someone was flipping the switch which was preventing it from closing.

Cold weather policy

We are tabling the discussion on the cold weather policy.

PROGRANT

Colleen and Aubree are leading this initiative. They would like to do a parent lending library. They are writing the grant to ask for additional resources. The resources available are posted online, parents can request the resources, the resources will be sent in an envelope. Parents can have the requested item for 3 weeks.

- Motion to use PROGRANT resources for parent lending library by Amy.
Seconded by Jeff.

Motion to Adjourn

motioned 7:33 By Jeff. Seconded by Clarissa. Motion Passed.