

Meeting notes Jan 20, 2026

Welcome			
Jordan	Equipment Updates on the Stage	Jordan	5 minutes
Dance Party	<p>Pizza and snacks (chips/drinks) to be sold Party packs/swag to be given out Volunteers for set up, sales, swag and cleanup Volunteers to pick up snacks and drinks Volunteer to connect with pizza and order Volunteer to pick up party supplies Jordan has drafted flyer, QR code for RSVP & Song requests?</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Blank text on form for song requests is the best option instead of Spotify link. Aiming to have flyer out by Thursday. Jordan will add the QR code and email the link, so it can go out by Thursday. Jordan will submit flyers to printer and Anna-Marie will pick them up.</p> <p>Jordan needs one volunteer for setup. He only has 45 mins to setup. Needs someone at 3:30.</p> <p>Mandy will make the volunteer form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emily will get the swag ● Mandy will do the pizza ● Anna-Marie will get chips, bubbly and juice boxes. <p>No contest - we will do a dance circle at a set time - no prizes.</p>	Anna-Marie and Mandy	20 mins
1st Movie Night recap	Successful movie night and the kids really enjoyed the stickers and colouring sheets.	Kate Jordan Patrick	5 mins

	<p>For next movie night, Jordan suggests that we need to use a laptop instead of an iPad, as the iPad was limiting.</p> <p>Feedback was received to have more popcorn flavour shakers.</p> <p>Mandy made a suggestion to do variety of movie shorts. This way it's easier to younger kids who want to leave earlier. Fun and different option for the movie night.</p>		
Pro Grant	The Pro Grant was submitted by Mandy.	Mandy	5 minutes
Breakfast Program	<p>30 kids are now participating at Bennetoo and it is going very well. We have have teacher volunteers now supporting the program.</p> <p>Eva Rothwell Updates (after care program too): It used to finish early and they've agreed to extend it from 7:30 a.m. to bus pickup (typically 9 a.m.). If the bus is late they will have staff waiting. The program is free.</p> <p>And the after school is free and runs until 6 p.m . They are looking at bus drop off.</p> <p>We are working on getting out the word to the community.</p>	Mandy	5 minutes
Transportation	<p>Follow up on Action Items.</p> <p>ACTION: Kate to call Westdale High School admin to see what is actually happening and then go from there.</p> <p>Action: Recommended to follow up with Nicole Lee as superintendent and Sabrina as trustee.</p>	Dave, Kate	10 minutes

	<p>ACTION: Dave to take a lead on organizing a meeting</p> <p>City clearing Bennetto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No complaints this year - clearing has gone well <p>NOTE:</p> <p>The school is piloting a school bus and we are looking to find out more information.</p>		
Community Board	<p>Follow Up on Action Items</p> <p>ACTION: Develop twice-monthly newsletter with key dates coming up, can include something from parent council and/or common language that could be in each newsletter to point people back to the new community board.</p> <p>ACTION: Create a small corner for parent council in the twice-monthly newsletter.</p> <p>ACTION: Create common language to go in each newsletter to point people back to website and mention the community board.</p> <p>NOTE:</p> <p>Dance party flyer will be added to the community board. People are enjoying the community board. It looks full and lots of programs are being shared.</p> <p>Asked about adding try-outs to the community board and Greg says that can be done.</p>	Mandy and Anna Marie	10
Kitchen Connections with Compass	<p>Start beginning of 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -5 classes will participate -Teacher Liaison? - First teacher will be the liaison. <p>Notes: Kitchen Connections with Compass has now started for 2026.</p>	Mandy, Greg	5 minutes

Next	<p>Upcoming mid-Feb Newsletter. This will include the Dance Party and upcoming events.</p> <p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Winter Dance party - Feb. 6 -Winter fair - hot chocolate requested? date? -April - Movie night. Set date for April 16 at 6:30. - May -Open house/ bake sale. Date is set for May 7. - Book drives - date? - TBD wait to discuss with Liz at future meeting. - Butterfly Fundraiser (delivery prior to Earth day since Easter is so early this year) Promo from March 23 - April 2, Cat to create and send flyer for distribution. Kit distribution April 20 (Earth day April 22) - End of year party. Benetto Bonanza Looking at possibly doing a repeat of last year + more community partners to have activity stations. But we will ask for more input at the next meeting. Could look into a few options for older kids and possibly Ice Cream trucks. Going to look into vendor options. - Going to look at inviting teachers and their own kids. DATE SET: June 24 4:00-6:00. 	Emily	5 minutes
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	<p>Graduation - volunteering for Grade 8 grad. And ask Jordan if he can DJ - he needs the date.</p> <p>ACTION: Add link to online website where minutes are posted and also a reminder of the new community board. Email to Wilhelmina Tomko. wtomko@hwdsb.on.ca. Emily will make a PDF and send it to her.</p> <p>Winter Fair: Once date is identified there will be a call for volunteers. Need to get the date still.</p>		
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Teachers for parent council meetings: An EA would like to join, Stephanie, and Ms. Woehrle is also interested in joining.

Other items - public health nurse:

- Quick update on what she's been doing to engage with students at the school
- In the school every Thursday - reach out if we have any questions
- Public health nurse would like to attend our meetings - Carrie.mcqueen@hamilton.ca

Items for Pre Meeting with Greg

- Finances with Raven

Update for Expenses:

best practice moving forward is when you dropping off the items, the day of, bring your receipt to Patrick or Raven to be reimbursed that day