



# Billy Green School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date & Time: September 30, 2025**

**Meeting called to order by: Katrina Hempstead**

**In Attendance:** Susanna Beatrice, Tiffany Starr, Katrina Hempstead, Dejana Lucic, Christine Baxter, Jen Brown, Angelka Lazarevic, Sameera Mohammad, Sara Carew, Brittani Spencer, Natasha Benson, Jenine Salim, Ombolonle Giwa

**Regrets:**

## 1. Welcome

## 2. Introduction to School Council

Explained and introduced the roles of each executive role and member roles

## 3. Executive Roles and Elections Updates

Katrina was only person who put name forward for Chair

Katrina was elected unopposed for position of Chair

Dejana was only person who put name forward for Vice Chair

Dejana was elected unopposed for position of Vice Chair

No names came forward prior to our meeting for positions of Treasurer and Secretary

Christine Baxter volunteered to take position of Treasurer and was elected unopposed

Jen Brown volunteered to take position of Secretary and was elected unopposed

## 4. Financial Update

\$4164.11 in account

## 5. Teacher Report

Quick mention to remember and honor Michelle Whalin who passed away this summer, but was a huge part of the School Council community for many years.

Many events that are coming

Popcorn & Pizza days are up and running

Meet the Staff Night was a success.,l;, mnbvn

First Fire Drill has happened

Terry Fox Day where we were able to raise \$1138.10

Orange Shirt Day

School Merch closes this coming Friday

Picture Day is coming this Friday

Love of Ready Grant so far at over \$6000 with 5 more days to go!

Up and Coming

SK Vision Screening

More Fire Drills

Mad Science is Returning

#### Clubs and Teams

Jr Boys 3 Pitch won the Championship

Jr Girls 3 Pitch team performed well

Glow, Game On, Cross Country, Boys Sr Volleyball, Girls Sr Volleyball

Jr. Swim Team (meet is on Nov 5)

Sr. Swim Team is in the spring

#### Requests from School

Money for pumpkins for classes to paint again

Unanimously approved, Mme will purchase

Money for prizes for Spelling Bee

Information on the details was vague, Council is interested to support, but are in need of more details to know how much we will and can support

Looking to redirect funds from our commitment to purchasing a laptop cart to the purchase of iPads for student learning

Unanimously approved to switch the funding commitment

Curious about running TCBY Yogurt Fundraiser, but are in need of a freezer

General interest, but a lot of commitment as well

Katrina offered to donate freezer

Will pause for now and need more information

#### Trips

Camp trip for 6-8 is not happening this year

A survey went out regarding possible trip for grade 7 and 8 with very low response

Ottawa won't happen as we need 40 students to commit before paperwork begins

Now looking at possible day trip options

### **6. Principal's Report**

Report card data showed increase in literacy and numeracy level 3 and 4 achievements

EQAO survey showed an increase in student confidence in math when responding to "I am good at math"

44% in 23/24 and 51.4% in 24/25

Our student MDI showed a decrease in the number of students feeling alone but also showed a consistent decrease in students feeling like they belong to the school

Spring student voice survey showed students felt joy when validated and heard

There's a trend where some students expressed not feeling as though they are validated

Comments such as: "if adults took more action when a student comes to them for help"

"opportunity to share views"

"students that would understand people and how they would feel about

situations"

School focus for September has been creating classroom conditions

all teachers have worked in their classrooms to talk about and create classroom agreements that were grounded in compassion, trust, dignity and joy

Staff have worked in division teams to discuss the framework of belonging: how to create belonging at the school and what does that mean in terms of school and classroom community?

Next focus will be on strategizing for specific action with resources and instruction

Focus on knowing our students and using not just curriculum but understanding identity and joy

Ministry mandated Reorganization for this school year is in process

Not a school decision

Schools are required to submit the number of students who are in attendance  
Billy Green had a decrease in the projected numbers from the spring vs. the September numbers  
Grade 4 class changing to a grade 4/5 class  
Grade 5/6 changing to a grade class  
FDK will have 2 classes with 2 educators, and one class with no more than 15 students and one teacher  
Notice went out to families on September 19  
Ms. Beatrice called all FDK students who were moving to a new class  
When reorganizing classes, it is a collaborative process for placing students: looking at strengths, needs and peer groupings  
PRO Grant deadline is November 21

## **7. Fundraising**

Krispy Kreme fundraiser dates are available  
Decided on Thursday December 4 date for scheduled pick up  
Katrina will get information to Gayle for School Cash  
Dejana will form a sub committee for fundraising to work on our Fundraising Plan that will need to be submitted  
Interested in doing Subway Day once a month again  
Dejana will look into getting a discount from Subway and will get the flyer made  
People can sign up for a date to help distribute the Subs  
Dejana will work with a sub committee as well for the PRO Grant and come up with plans

## **8. Other Business**

Next meeting: **November 4, 2025 at 6:30pm**  
Update from board presentation:  
Possible Grant funds: