



**Date & Time**

November 25, 2024 6:30 PM

**Attendees**

Brian Patton, Principal Amanda Vernon, Teacher Stephanie Lostonaw Lavin Katie Putt Abby Robertson	Julie Zimmerman Stephanie Hosking Jennie Podrobarac Stephanie McDonald	Laura Kentie Heather Tallach Dan ? Ban Esho (Program Leader – Umbrella)  <b>Virtual (unsuccessful coordination)</b> Puja Mathuria? Harnesh Wadhwana
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**Regrets**

Stephanie Hurley Ritesh Patel		
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<b><u>Agenda Item</u></b>	<b><u>Who</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>
Call to Order and Welcome	S. Lostonaw	Meeting called to order at 6:35
Land Acknowledgement	B. Patton	
Additions/Approval of Agenda	K. Putt	Approved: S. McDonald/J. Zimmerman <i>All in favour</i>
Review/Approval of Previous Minutes	K. Putt	Approved: S. McDonald/A. Robertson <i>All in favour</i>
Treasurer's Report	S. Hurley	Current balance: \$581.09 (balance to change with poinsettia order)
Teacher's Report	A. Vernon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crochet club huge success. Over 40 students signed up – students enjoying opportunity to try new things</li> <li>• Ukulele club has started</li> <li>• Neighbour to neighbour food drive raised 437 items</li> <li>• Intermural soccer has started, very popular, goes to holiday break</li> <li>• Acknowledgement assembly recognized the student successes in various activities</li> </ul>
Principal's Report	B. Patton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spirit wear orders submitted, should be delivered before holidays</li> <li>• Progress reports have gone home, family follow up plans with teachers</li> <li>• 5 laptops have been purchased, and being set up for junior student use</li> <li>• Guess the code activities, interactive with classes each day</li> <li>• Staffing updates regarding permanent teachers, EA/s and reading support</li> <li>• Lexian tablet set up for student use (reading support), monitored by staff, skill building activities</li> <li>• 23 licenses purchased and students requiring additional support have been identified</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November PA day – focused education on Palestinian /anti Muslim racism</li> <li>Parking lot update – use of pylons to block entrance during drop off and pick up time – will monitor success</li> </ul>
<b><u>New Business</u></b>		
New business	All	No new additions
<b><u>Outstanding/Ongoing Business</u></b>		
<p>Council Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poinsettia (Terra)</li> <li>Factory Shoe</li> <li>Family Pizza Nights</li> </ul>	<p>L. Kentie</p> <p>S. Lostanaw</p> <p>S. McDonald</p>	<p><i>Approved at previous meeting.</i> Funds to be allocated to School Nutrition Program. Details distributed to council for review. Final details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not overly successful, only \$142.21 revenue – will follow up with Terra regarding delivery costs</li> <li>Request for 2 volunteers to assist with distribution from 3:10-5:00pm on Dec 2, 2024</li> </ul> <p><i>Approved in 2023/24.</i> Family members should present card or identify James MacDonald when purchasing items at Factory Shoe. \$5 from every \$35 will come to school)</p> <p>December event identified – will be communicated in weekly email and Raise the Dough flyer.</p> <p>Will identify future dates at next meeting.</p>
Constitution/Council Bi-Law Refresh	S. Lostanaw	<p>Refresh of constitution is required this year.</p> <p>Subcommittee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>S. Lostanaw</li> <li>K. Putt</li> <li>A Robertson</li> <li>L. Kentie</li> </ul> <p>S. Lostanaw will share references and documents for review (by email). Will target completion by subcommittee for approval at next meeting.</p>
PRO Grant	S. Lostanaw	<p>Event target date for April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Math Night</li> <li>Inclusion of council and volunteerism for families</li> <li>Small activities – rotational for different age groups/skills -passport style (volunteers needed at activities)</li> <li>Discussion facilitated by HWDSB Math facilitator</li> <li>Planning for snacks and door prizes</li> </ul>
School Council Start Up Funds	S. Lostanaw	Councils are able to access \$500 start up funds – must be used for council specific needs (child minding, reference materials, agendas)



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>consideration if can be used at PRO grant Math Activity night</li> <li>Further discussion next meeting</li> </ul>
Adjournment	S. Lostanaw	Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm Motion: L. Kentie/S. Hosking <i>All in favour.</i>
Next Meeting		January 20, 2025, 6:30

### **Actions to Carry**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>
Revision and update of Consitution	S. Lostanaw
Family Pizza Night, identify next dates	S. McDonald
PRO Grant event planning	
School Council Start Up funds uses and planning	S. Lostanaw
Distribution of Poinsettias – Dec 2 (after school)	L. Kentie

### **Principal Report School Council November 25, 2024**

**Celebrations:** Progress Reports and Communication with Families, Professional Development, 5 new laptops have arrived, Mme Arsenault has purchased \$1000 worth of new books for the library, Guess the Code

### **Information Items:**

School Improvement Plan

Improvement in reading

Improvement in math

Increase sense of belonging through attendance and engagement

Staffing: EA permanent staff hired in October: Ms. Keri Wright and Ms. Suki Sandhu- both began their assignments on November 11.

Lexia Licenses: Lexia is a reading intervention program for students in grades 2-5. It is delivered through an iPad and students complete letter/sound and reading work. The program is monitored by staff. If a student gets stuck on a particular skill, teachers receive that an update that the student needs a skill building lesson. The lessons are provided with the program. This year, we have 23 licenses.

PD- November 1 PD Day- Anti Racism Training- Anti Palestinian, Anti- Muslim racism as directed by HWDSB school board. Participated in Professional Development for Math

### **Support Staff:**

Reading Specialist- Ms. McNulty- support students and teachers in kindergarten to grade 2. Ms. McNulty supported the implementation of Acadience which is our reading screener.

Math facilitator- Mrs. Croke- supporting our grade 3 students and educators. Works in classrooms with a focus on thinking and application questions.

ESL teacher- Ms. Flavelle- supports students with language development mostly grades 1-6.



**JAMES MACDONALD**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### **Meeting Minutes**

Learning Commons/Microsoft Teams (Hybrid)

Trio Team- is a group of system staff- Teacher, EA and CYCP who support for behaviour and social emotional needs for our students.

Parking Lot: Met with Area Supervisor. Other schools are blocking the driveway with pylons. There is no signage for fire route.