



Queen Victoria Elementary School (QVES)

School Council Meeting

Thursday March 27, 2025, 6 pm

Minutes of Meeting No. 5

--Items following here numbered and bolded are from the proposed agenda

1. Land Acknowledgement

“The 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.”

2. Call to Order : 6:06 pm

3. Review & Approval of January Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve : Shannon, seconded: Patricia
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4. Committee Updates

Nutrition Committee – Shannon: nothing to report

Planning Committee – Rebecca: passing out a handout

- If anyone wants to join, they are welcome to
- Getting our processes and structure figured out.
- Anyone can contribute, don't have to be a voting member of School Council
- Notifications of planning meetings will follow the template/theme of School Council meetings : telephone, email, etc.
 - o February 20,
 - Purpose of School Councils is, “through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents
 - Improving on the goals of family engagement and sharing their concerns
 - Leveraging human resources city-wide

- Meetings to be less formal
 - Standardizing family input into agenda
- March 6,
 - Revisions on agenda structure:
 - Introductions and sign-in to let the record show who is in attendance
 - Meeting norms, adding 'family questions' to agenda
 - Need time for families and a process
 - Important to keep questions away from individual concerns, but talking about School Council related issues, ie. Food being provided in nutrition program
 - Questions from families can be submitted over chat
 - New "QVSC Initiatives/Other"
 - "Committee updates"
- Mr. White comments positively to new framework proposed

5. Principal's Report – Achievement Update

- School Improvement planning
 - Literacy
 - Where each student is in their academics and where we need to make up gaps
 - Foundational literacy skills (eg. UFLI)
 - Performing Assessment to identify students under performing
 - Aligns with provincial standards
 - Math
 - High Impact Instructional Practice HIIP
 - Well being
- School Improvement
 - Phonics Academy (1 teacher for five students working for
 - Professional learning is taking place for Math
 - Student teachers helping to implement
 - Dismantling anti-black racism
- Achievements:
 - Primary + Senior Kindergarten
 - Beginning of year: - majority at "well below benchmark"
 - Finding children that are needing the extra help
 - Overall improvements!
 - Gr. 1
 - Gr. 2
 - Oral reading fluency only
 - Improvements are apparent; there is progress
 - Gr. 3
 - Oral reading fluency only
 - Progress is being noted

- Gr. 4+5
 - Benchmark reading increased from 50.5% 68.8%
 - “MAYS” – word is missing that student fills in
- Intermediate
 - Some students excluded for language and other barriers
 - Individual scores are seeing an increase in growth, (C → C+)
- Mathematics
 - Every student in gr. 3 performed a test in Fall showing improvements needed
 - End of cycle Retest shows great improvements except for in the word problems
 - Need to focus on the PPW word problem and other word problems
 - Question, Rebecca: for gr. 3 “who designed the screener/diagnostic”
 - Math team at the board (HWDSB)
 - Can gr. 4 or 5 run these tests
 - Yes
 - To focus on gr. 3 and gr 6 for EQAO
 - Day to day support happens for gr. 3’s only
- What’s happening at QV
 - Identifying needs and putting structures in place (we know where each student is academically and what direction these students need to go)
- Athletics: Jr. basketball (boys team and girls team) – Mx Chong, Ms Lolua, Ms Edler, Mr. White
 - Hip Hop Team
 - – Mrs. Iavarone and Mrs. Smith – student led anti bullying...
 - We want to have students to be at the forefront of leadership, having them involved in programming
 - \$520 raised through Make it Sow Fundraiser for robotics Lego Prime Set
- Book Madness – Ms. Lolua
 - Reading books and students vote for which book they like (s)
 - Books about inclusion
 - Ms. Laws produces questions post reading, “how can we bring more understanding to hijab” – students writing about their connections and reflections
 - Everyday to think about the texts that are presented – do the books reflect what is on their mind, discuss!
- Board Games Club – Ms. Murdock, Ms. Boudreau, Ms. Daniels, and Mrs. Groves (gr 1 and 2)
 - Library is packed with kids
 - Also Checkers Team (gr. 7)
- Exciting news: Playground Revitalisation Project
 - Phase 1 has been approved (implemented Spring 2025)
 - Paving kindergarten pen (the dirt perimeter)_
 - Removing posts, and relocating basketball nets to school walls
 - Adding triple hoop basketball net
 - Phase 2
 - Line painting for outdoor games (eg. 4 Square)
 - Portable Soccer Nets

- Phase 3
 - Seating elements
- School Climate Survey
 - Required by Ministry of Education
- Human Development and Sexual Health
 - Part of the curriculum is about safety... gender identification, consent, mental health, sexual orientation, and online safety
 - Making sure families are informed about curriculum so they may make a decision to exempt child from it.
 - When exempt, students will be occupied in other classrooms

6. Staff Report – included within Principal's Report above

7. Planning Meetings - next meeting date and time

- Apr. 10, 6-7 pm
 - All families to be welcome
 - Agenda/purpose to be shared
8. Ms. Laws : Teacher team planning gr. 8 graduation – hoping to have a reception after ceremony and like last year beverages, (nutrition program donated extra money they didn't need)
9. Rebecca: sign in to be included in next meeting for those in attendance

10. Adjournment

a. 7:06 pm

This is to be considered an accurate report of the Meeting. Please inform Trevor Stephenson within an eight-day period of any discrepancies or inaccuracies contained herein.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 15 May 2025

PLACE: QVES Library, Microsoft Teams

TIME: 6:00 – 7:00

DISTRIBUTION: School Council Voting Members