

SWL School Council Minutes

Tuesday January 13th 2026

ITEM	NOTES
Attendance	<p> Kelly Reilly Scott – Principal Tim Kivell – Vice Principal Melanie Collingwood – Teacher Rep Ms. Sarah B – LTO library Jessica Codd – Chair Kimberley Donmoyer Fong – Treasurer Ashley Hinks – Secretary Victoria French Nicole Oliver Heather Jensen Mallory Murchie Syeda Fizza Zehra Mastoorah Rahimi (community member) Andrew Sparkes Nida Rehan - regrets </p>
Principal/Vice Principal Report Ms Reilly Scott Mr Kivell	<p> School improvement – EQAO data was released. Grade 3 – Increase in math score (5%), slight decrease in Reading (2%), and Writing (6%). Grade 6 – Increase in Reading (4%), Writing (12%), and decrease in Math (9%) </p> <p> Jan Staff Meeting – Building Responsive Approaches for Instructional Needs (BRAIN resource HWDSB) document that goes over kids various needs in classroom, teachers click on those boxes, pulls different strategies to align with different students needs </p> <p> February Staff Meeting – Equitable Education – Anti-Black Racism document. Focus on bringing in black artists, students are being exposed to various resources in classroom </p> <p> BoardMaker Training to support student communication – training to help students with oral communication needs </p> <p> PA Day – Jan 23rd Educator Report Card Writing. Principal at Leadership Conference. EAs/DECE planning of student resources at school </p> <p> School initiatives- Joyful January (various school wide games, stars of kindness/appreciation), Spirit Days (comfy cozy day). </p> <p> Curriculum Evening for families in February - huge math focus in gym, literacy focus in library, hoping to do a café in room off library – grade 8th fundraising, council selling treats (to discuss later in meeting) </p> <p> Recess Guardians ongoing </p> <p> In December classrooms did a musical, school wide assembly. Not all Christmas focused, presented to school for fun. </p>

	<p>School wide Math Games – Battleship is back</p> <p>Grade 8th getting ready for more progression meetings</p> <p>Commencement – Wednesday June 17th , rehearsal on 16th in afternoon</p>
<p>Teachers Report – Ms. Collingwood</p>	<p>Sr boys and girls basketball underway</p> <p>Intro session for robotics for grade 5 students – form received today, put in groups of 12 come in do coding, skills competition</p> <p>School wide game – starts Thursday – battleship</p> <p>Joyful January different activities to help with mindfulness feeling the joy in January every Friday (name that tune)</p> <p>Sr and Jr choir underway</p> <p>Cosmetology group – working in library with mannequin heads doing fun braids, etc. different textures, lengths</p> <p>Comfy cozy day this Friday</p> <p>Jan 21st Bell Lets Talk Day</p>
<p>Treasurers Report – Kimberly Donmoyer Fong</p>	<p>Regular fundraising pizza days another coming up at end of the month (Jan 28)</p> <p>December pizza day – made almost \$700</p> <p>SWL Giving Market – good feedback, made almost \$3000 almost no expenses, all donations</p> <p>Reminder that next fundraiser is coming up in a few months Terra Cotta cookies. Delivery on April 1st</p>
<p>Council Items for Discussion</p>	<p>Pita Pit – Kim had meeting with owner of pita pit (owns 3 pita pits), right now they do 65ish school programs. No order minimum, deliver the pitas themselves (the owner), if we are ok to go ahead everything ready on their end. Discussed price point - \$6 or \$8 our cost. Have full staff menu as well, kids can order pitas and bowls, staff can order from full menu. We did an email vote in November – 6 votes yes to making profit. Vote on \$8 & \$10 price points – all in agreement. Fundraising from pita pit going toward nutrition program. Timeline mid-April. Kim to contact Pita Pit about a booking date April 15th</p> <p>Giving Store Feedback/Future – positive feedback from council, staff, parents, kids. Huge success. Room for improvement – kindy classes from scheduling point of view – if they just came up during their regular library time, put a teacher in charge next year, leadership team with teacher supporting next year, wrapping – not necessarily enough time to fit that in, multiple tables of wrapping, more space, separation, more volunteers in that area. How teachers feel about putting supplies in classrooms, can use free time, nutrition breaks, etc. for wrapping in classrooms, just older kids in classrooms? Other option is opening up during nutrition break. Opening up an after school time so parents could come in too. Can start to accept donations now, advertise early, designated drop off space. Some stuff left from last year. Some things went to donations. Only 2 bags went to garbage. Spent \$ on wrapping paper, tape and gift bags – ask for donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, tape next year</p> <p>Vote for Hands on Material (from giving market) \$1124.38 – already voted to move over. Approx. \$6000 remaining – Ms Reilly Scott asked for \$3000 to go toward purchasing school iPads – voted unanimous in agreement</p>

	<p>Family Learning Lions Curriculum Event – grade 8 students want to do some fundraising. Ms Reilly Scott proposed council involved with Café at event ie swag, ice cream, cookies. Jess suggested that if grade 8s are already fundraising we keep out of this one. We have 6 boxes of lollipops leftover from candy grams. All voted in favour of donating to the grade 8s</p> <p>Bell Let's Talk Day – Jan 21. Last year around \$250ish on oranges. Depends on price of produce at the time. Mr. P looking for volunteers – Heather, Andrew, Vote on \$250ish toward oranges – all in favour</p>
Ms B	<p>Book fair – process can start around February</p> <p>During May Open House</p> <p>Feedback from previous years:</p> <p>Last year was most involved Last year Set up – council set up</p> <p>High theft items – closer to checkout, someone at tables at all times</p> <p>A few leftover items on discount from previous years, donations from winter market – cheaper \$1-2</p> <p>Will approach teachers to put aside some books for students</p> <p>Scholastic also sent discounted books last year</p> <p>Heather watching door, limiting number of families in library at a time</p> <p>Books with little charms/eraser – need their own section kids were ripping them out</p> <p>Took place over a week last year</p> <p>Ms B hoping to extend beyond a week this year – teachers would like to come to book fair during library time. Will talk to scholastic about possibly doing 1.5-2 weeks</p> <p>Ms B will book a date with scholastic in the next few weeks – discuss with Ms Reilly Scott (ideally 1st week of May – may 6-7th)</p> <p>Once date is confirmed Jess will send out an email for volunteers</p> <p>Money raised last year went to hands on literacy games</p>
Next Meeting	Tuesday March 24 th 6:00pm