

## Strathcona School Council

### AGENDA

Tuesday October 21, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Location: Learning Commons, Strathcona PS (in person) MS Teams (online)

Attendance: Laura Fenwick-Sehl, Lindsey Sheahan, Jennie Vengris, Erin Fuller, Kari Forbes, Bethany Elliot, Barbara Depew, Tanya Bates, Peter Bassmahon, Victoria Deanes, Jessie, Peter Benton, Jen Kelner

Regrets: Ash McGhee

1. Land Acknowledgement (Bethany)
2. Introduction of new members
3. Chair's Report (Bethany/Erin)
  - a. School Streets Parent Survey
    - i. Parent survey has been circulated through emails and paper copies. Reminder to complete the survey when you have the chance.
    - ii. Playground committee: Bethany has an opportunity, a contest to win a sun shelter. Ms. Sheahan will pass it along to Cass.
4. Teacher's Report (Barbara Depew)
  - i. "Strathcona Healthy Action Team" - student level initiatives, November is about community care
  - ii. Working with Parkdale retirement home to bring holiday spirit
  - iii. Musical auditions tomorrow: Finding Nemo
  - iv. McMaster Readers to Leaders finished the program and it was a success
  - v. Boys & Girls Club programs are over and had positive feedback from the students
5. Principal Report (Lindsey Sheahan)
  - i. Limited office support right now with our OA in part-time at the moment, and not a lot of supply office assistants available
  - ii. The final stage of the focus program review is out. There is a link on the school website. Website will be reformatted soon. There is an opportunity to participate in the final stage; caregivers need to sign up on the website to be a part of this final stage.
  - iii. School streets pilot ends December 4, 2025. Decision to make permanent will be made after the survey is complete. The permanent closure plan would be to use a retractable arm; city staff would no longer be on site.
6. SAGE Update
  - i. Tanya: Fresh from the farm fundraiser went well, \$500 raised for the whole school. Pause on spending funds, there is an upcoming planning session to talk about the vision of the committee and decide how to allocate funding in the most equitable way.
7. SHASA Update (Bethany)
  - i. Flyers going home for movie night on December 5th, two 20-minute movies. Reminder that parental supervision is required.

- ii. Request to designate funds to field trips: SHASA is reserving \$2000 for field trips
- 8. School spirit wear: school is doing it but moving slow without OA. Principal could use help with someone calling around; will be added to the SHASA agenda.

Next Meeting: January 28 at 6 PM virtual