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# School Council Meeting Minutes

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Co Chair- Andrea Hitchcock	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement Fatema is joining via telephone Review and Approval of Minutes  • Motion to approve 1 <sup>st</sup> Laura, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Louise. Approved unanimous. Review and Approval of current Agenda  • Approved.
Business from previous meeting	We had a zoom meeting about Spring Fling
Principal's Report- Ria McNicholls- Ramrattan	<ul> <li>Feb 24 Indoor soccer tournament</li> <li>Feb 26 Student Vote Ontario, led by Ms.Sidhu.</li> <li>Black History Month assembly on Feb 26 by And Then What -Tracy Lee</li> <li>We had a Lockdown drill Feb 27</li> <li>Scientists in Schools March 3- Apr28. 15 classes participated - 2 free and 13 paid. Therefore, School Council will get \$470 back.</li> <li>March 17 Parking enforcement officers at school AM and PM</li> <li>March 19- April 2 The Daily School Route (DSR) is an organization working with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) to help families choose active transportation (walking, biking, etc.) to get to school or the bus stop. Many families found it difficult to complete (specifically the map pinpointing route). Ria provided this feedback and an org rep said he would attend school council to share findings but has not committed yet to a date.</li> <li>Parent Involvement Committee celebrates well-being March 21 message went out in Wordpress and School Messenger. The event will take place on May 31 st at Sherwood High School</li> </ul>





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	<ul> <li>School Climate-Health and Peer Relations Study- HPRS survey grades 4-8, March 17-April 4 we had 339 out of 357 students participated</li> <li>Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey- Student mental health and well-being are major concerns during this school year and to assess how students are doing we participated in the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health's (CAMH) 2025 Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey (OSDUHS). OSDUHS was administered by a staff from the Institute for Social Research (ISR) at York University on April 10<sup>th,</sup> to 2 grade 7 and 2 grade 8 classes only students who had consent. The Hamilton-Wentworth DSB has approved this study and is surveying students in grades 7 and 8 from Tiffany Hills, which was randomly selected. The 2025 OSDUHS provincial reports will be sent to all participating schools. Publications using OSDUHS data will not identify specific schools or boards. See www.isryorku.ca/osduhs for more details.</li> <li>May 1 Shooting Staarz grades 4-5</li> <li>May 14 Q-Mack assembly</li> <li>EQAO grade 3 May 26-29 and grade 6 June 2-5</li> <li>ACF used by 96% of teachers (mostly for Disney content)</li> </ul>
Teacher's Report- Ashley	<ul> <li>Scientists in School 15 classes participated. Great feedback, students really enjoyed.</li> </ul>
Buligan	March 20 Crawford Lake trip grade 3 trip
	March 24, 25 Dental Screening for JK, SK and grade 2
	March 25 Grade 8 photos
	<ul> <li>April 2 Checkers Tournament at Ancaster Fairgrounds</li> </ul>
	April 8, 9, 10 Dundas Valley Conservation Area trip grades 1, 2
	April 8 Ancaster High School basketball tournament

April 15 Band Trip to Ancaster High School





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Joined the priority
<ul> <li>April 24 Band Trip to Sherwood</li> <li>April 28 Gym used for Federal Elections</li> <li>May 8 Talent show</li> <li>May 13 Welcome to Kindergarten</li> <li>May 15 Spring Fling – update</li> <li>Freezie dates – May 22, May 29, June 5, June 12, June 19 - \$1.50 per freezie through School Cash Online.</li> <li>Fundraising money requests: <ol> <li>Manipulatives for math and science</li> <li>Consumables for classrooms (art supplies, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks)</li> <li>Spec ed fidgets, wiggle cushions, headphones etc</li> <li>Library books</li> <li>Kinder shade (35-50K) – need 3 quotes to send to board for approval. Once approval received, we will look for grants.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Quesada profit \$455 \$2535 spent for Scientists in School (will get \$470 back as 2 classes were free) \$250 for baseball equipment delivery Kept \$1760 pending aside 10K aside for 9 pizza days (\$1100 cost per pizza day) Money for apples set aside Set aside money for pizza for Spring Fling student volunteers. Roughly 12K to allocate today. Around 13-14K in total to spend likely.</li></ul>
Allocate funds (Vote) - Gym equipment \$2500. Soccer balls, basketballs, equipment bags, soccer pop-up goals, cellular football for juniors. APPROVED





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### person) and Fatema Bhabrawala (phone)

- Lacrosse training for staff and grades 4-8, so the school can use the lacrosse equipment purchased last year. May 29-30 \$2000.
   APPROVED
- \$1000 for grad 8 graduation. APPROVED
- \$300 for kindergarten outdoor toys (or more if funds available).
   POSTPONE UNTIL WE KNOW AMOUNT AND THEN EMAIL VOTE.
- Consumables for classrooms (no amount specified). NOT APPROVED as these do not stay in the school.
- SpecEd money for fidgets (no amount specified). POSTPONE UNTIL
  WE KNOW AMOUNT AND EMAIL VOTE.
- Library books POSTPONE UNTIL WE KNOW AMOUNT. They will use the \$900 grant but could use more, need more books. Will be purchasing ESL duo-language books with the grant funds.
- Last year we spent 5-8K on electronics, the school had 30 laptops, and 20 iPads purchased this school year—so no ask for electronics this year.

### Spring pizza sales good number

- Spring Pizza Sales
- We have a good number of orders, similar to our Fall session. Pizza cheques are just under \$1100 a week. We do approximately 74-76 cheese pizzas, 14-17 pepperoni pizzas and 2-3 gluten free cheese pizzas. We make around \$719-731 a week, give or take. We have 9 more weeks of pizza and June 11, 2025 will be our last pizza day for the year.

#### Quesada Update

- School will receive \$266.88 refund so total funds \$700
- Will not run this one again but will look at other hot lunch options for next year.





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Spring Chocolate Fundraiser ran from March 3 to 22.

- School will receive a profit cheque for \$314.71 by end of month.
- Families who actively engaged noted some great feedback:
  - When sharing their fundraising link, they found their networks (colleagues, bosses, neighbours, family) preferred just telling them what they wanted and e-transferring them the money (likely found setting up a profile too cumbersome).
  - Less options would be better less overwhelming and would lead to placing order quicker - by the time people came back to their profiles they had forgotten their usernames/passwords.
  - Almost every order was for mini eggs and/or bunny bags perhaps next year we leverage School Cash Online and offer 3-4 choices and then put through one Purdys account.
  - Lots of asks to purchase chocolates at the table perhaps the fundraising bars are the way to go next year!

### Welcome to Kindergarten

- o Takes place Tuesday, May 13, 2025 from 4:00-5:00pm
- o Fatema and Andrea will be at our SC table
- 10 cans of Play doh and 45 small tools were purchased for \$25.04 with tax for our table.
- Last year it worked really well that kids played while we talked to parents.
- We will hand out small party favour size Play doh (42 pack of 1 ounce cans for \$23.65 with tax) to each future student who visits our table
- Our School Council flyer was given to the Kinder team to be added to the welcome packet





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- Sign will be used
- We gained 3 new members through this event last year (Trang, Ayaan and Lucy) and hope to gain a few more this year.

### Spring Fling

- Photo Booth: Fatema, Krishna, Trang
- o Pizza/Cotton Candy Rm 109: Laura, Ayaan, Melissa, Makarim
- Cake Walk: Andrea, Hillay, Sina (hopefully a couple students)
- Community Tables: Cassidy will be selling
- o Runner: Lucy. Louise from 6pm onwards.
- Pizza will need 2 rectangular tables for pre-orders, 1 for selling (3 total)
- Cotton candy will need 1 table for selling
- Photo booth needs 1 long table and access to an outlet and wifi
- Cake walk 2 tables for donated baked goods and a space for the game
- Signs provided by teachers
- Student volunteers will get a certificate to show when getting their free pizza slice and pop.

### Pizza:

- Pizza pre-orders will occur at the same time as the Teachers preordered tickets (April22 to May 6). Once we know how much we sold we will decide on how many to order for selling that day.
- Pre-orders will be either a Large Cheese or Pepperoni for \$15 (we get \$5 profit) or for Gluten Free cheese or pepperoni pizza for \$8 (we get \$2 profit).





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- We will only be selling a limited number of full cheese pizzas on the day of, not by slice.
- Pre-ordered pizza will have a list of names to check off. Sold on the day will have a bucket for collecting tickets. Please be sure to count the given 15 tickets carefully.

#### Cake Walk:

- Advertise needed cakes/cupcakes/baked goods. Will do a FB post, print out a school flyer, Pass around digital copy of the flyer to the teachers to promote to their class families. Spread the word with friends who love to bake. We need at least 45 peanut free donations.
- Supplies for the game: bucket with numbers to draw winners with, music through a speaker, bucket with jolly ranchers (360 candies for \$28.24 with tax) to hand out. Fatema will get more candy from Costco in case we need it, but will return if not necessary.
- Cake donations will be dropped off starting Wednesday April 14 after school until Thursday April 15 before school.
- o Krishna volunteered to create the large, laminated numbers.

#### Photo Booth:

- We have hired Snapbooth and Billy's wife or daughter will be coming to run the booth.
- o They will do 2 hours for \$399
- We will charge each person in a photo 1 ticket.
- We will take 1 ticket per person regardless if they get a print out or scan the QR code, if they are in it, they must have given a ticket.
- Participants will either get a printed 2x6 strip photos or If families/students wish, they can receive a digital copy,





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	boomerang, and GIF option via QR code instead, we need to make
	sure the photographer can connect to the wifi for this.
	<ul> <li>We have requested different props from last year.</li> </ul>
	Cotton Candy:
	<ul> <li>Hillay has ordered through Candy Clouds.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>We have ordered 350 small bags. Each bag will have pink and blue</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Cost with product at \$1.50 a bag plus delivery fee of \$20</li> </ul>
	(delivered on May 15) will be \$545.
	<ul> <li>We will charge 3 tickets per bag.</li> </ul>
	Community Tables:
	<ul> <li>We have had a hard time getting community programs to join us.</li> </ul>
	eg. Big Brother/Big Sister do not have room for more kids so they
	turned us down. Still waiting to hear from Hamilton Recreation
	programs. Police and Fire said no/they aren't available.
	<ul> <li>Vendor tables \$50 charge: Croc charms, OMAC, Grover Dental,</li> </ul>
	Allan Soaps.
	- Walkie talkie at each station - Ashley and Ms. Bosma will be
	runners helping out anywhere needed. All teachers will wear
	vests.
	<ul> <li>Snackshack is in staffroom as they need freezer.</li> </ul>
	- Ticket buckets - Ashley has them for all stations
	- Counting ticket volunteer after the event: Trang, Andrea, Krishna.
	Will have date stamp on back of each ticket.
New Business	N/A





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Next Meeting	May 27, 2025: 6:30pm LAST MEETING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR
Date	Will vote on more allocations of funds, and present new fundraising ideas
	for next year.
	*was originally scheduled for May 20 <sup>th</sup> , shifting by 1 week to allow for
	year-end reconciliation of spring fling funds raised.

