



Tiffany Hills Elementary School

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School Council Meeting Agenda

Date: November 25, 2025

Attendees: Christina Almas, Ashley Buligan, Makarim Siralkhatim, Andrea Hitchcock, Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan, Melody Brandon-Rooth, Louise Young, Laura Varga, Trang Dam, Fatema B, Hillay Nabi-Shaikh, Krishna Patel, Melissa Pistol Kors, Cassidy Allan, Diana Al-Farjeji

Co-Chairs- Andrea Hitchcock & Fatema Bhabrawala	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement Review and Approval of Minutes (Melissa and Louise) Review and Approval of the current Agenda (Melissa and Louise)
Business from the previous meeting	Tent Updates: Quote from Impact Canopy Louise to take quote from Melody and provide a comparison. Goal to have the tent for springtime events. Two 10x10 tents Louise to send an email for approval/vote.
Principal's Report-	<p>School Improvement Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve literacy achievement for every student focused on the Right to Read- students using resources- Gr 3 Know Your Code, Indigenous Education, use of Acadience data to inform instruction, Gr 5 Know You Words, Gr 6-8 Just Words - Improve numeracy achievement for every student- Use of tools and representations, Math Lead supporting use of MathUP, Knowledgehook, JUMP Math pilot in some grade 5 and 6 classes, Building the Thinking Classroom resources, High Impact Instructional Practices - Improve preparedness for the future for every student- Skilled Trades Truck for grades 7 and 8 - Increase engagement for every student- Robotics Club-Grs 5-7, Big Brother Big Sisters-program, Student Council- Healthy Schools Certification, using student voice to inform activities, field trips, sports teams, music-choir, band - Improve well-being for every student- Use of student voice to inform activities, Critically Conscious Practitioner Inquiry <p>Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electronic test for grade 4 was completed November 4-15, this test has replaced the paper-based Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT7). The CogAT is used to gather basic cognitive information



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	<p>about individual students and can provide support with student programming and is also a part of the gifted screening process.</p> <p>EQAO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Results have not been released by EQAO once they are; they will be sent home. <p>Daily School Route</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Ward 12 Councillor Cassar's motion for our work in Ancaster Elementary Schools has been ratified in Council! This means that the City of Hamilton will be supportive and collaborative in our work together, as we elevate kids' voices in the design of their neighbourhood. Our next step is to have families participate in our Third Spaces Survey. As part of planning routes to school, we would like to understand where play, socializing, meeting up, and other leisure activities occur in the neighbourhood. These activities contribute to a child’s connection to their community and their ability to walk to school. We would like to learn how these locations could be improved.” Email from DSR Nov 6th, 2025. - Survey to be sent out after School Council meeting and will close the end of December 2025. <p>Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ashley Buligan has completed the application which was due Nov 21. We have asked for books that can be used by students’ families with their child(ren) to continue/foster a love for reading. The application includes books for students and their families in the Special Education class.
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	<p>Nutrition Program Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In total we have received \$2000 from the Board; the funds are being used to provide granola bars with the apples already being provided. <p>School Fundraising Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submitted funds to be raised for School Enhancements, Technology, Commencement, Agendas, Library Books <p>Audio Cine Films subscription- Public Performance copyright license and Streaming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The cost \$1.25 per student, total about \$918.12 asking for School Council to fund \$459.06
<p>Teacher's Report</p>	<p>Renee Ruttan applied for the Grant of \$500 and was successful. The application was for Mental Wellness and Culturally Relevant, and Responsive books at all levels.</p> <p>Chef a L'ecole asking for \$1500 to bring the cost to \$5 per student, cost also subsidized by Board's FSL Enriched Learning Funding of \$1000</p> <p>Joy Day asking for about \$1800</p> <p>Robotics club up and running: 26 students participating. They meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Recently bought 4 more robotics kits</p> <p>Idea-Fresh from the Farm fundraiser – run in Spring, delivery for Thanksgiving. If voted in, the fundraiser would start at the beginning of September 2026</p> <p>Idea – Mitchell's Soup Fundraiser (Possibly for January / February)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canadian company based in BC - Mixes will be sold for \$10.99 each (there is no tax added). There are vegetarian and vegan options. Receive 35% of each sale.



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	<p>Shipping is FREE. Minimum sales - 48 units or the order will be cancelled. Ordered online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The school council recommended doing it on School Cash online. - Software administration and maintenance: a \$2 flat fee will be applied to each online order (not each product). The customer placing the order will cover this fee. <p>Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oct 15- Hamilton Tiger-Cats player facilitated an assembly in the gym - Oct 23- Grade 6 Crawford Lake trip - Oct 29- Swim Meet - Oct 31- Halloween parade and dance - Nov 5- Ancaster High School had a 'Day in the Life' for all grade 8 students. - Nov 6- Grade 7 Vaccine Clinic, the next on is May 12 - Nov 6 - Grade 5 Dundas Valley Conservation Area trip - Nov 11- Remembrance Day Assembly- K-8 in the gym - Nov 13- Grade 3 Westfield Heritage Village Trip - Nov 20- Crash Rhythm for all K classes - Nov 21 – Dec 2 – Candy grams on sale for \$1 online only - Nov 25 – Volleyball playoffs continue this week - Nov 26 – Dec 10 Mitten and Glove drive - Donations to go to students in HWDSB - Nov 28- Skilled Trades truck will be at the school on the playground near the gate all day for grades 7 and 8 learning, this was arranged by Sheila DeSousa - Dec 12 – Kinder winter holiday concert for families - Dec 16- Joy Day - Dec 17 Holiday Concert - Dec 18- Winter Dance
<p>Treasurer's Report- Krishna Patel</p>	<p>Previous year balance forwarded: \$721.88 Krispy Kreme profit: \$1455</p>



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	<p>Loaf a month profit: \$1260 Pizza profit: ~\$ 6000 Paid for apples*4 : \$ 160 deducted from account</p> <p>\$2500 for sports canopy, \$459.06 for film subscription, \$1800 for Joy day, \$1500 for Chef Al 'Cole (voted and approved by School Council)</p>
Chair's Report-	<p><u>Spring Fling Planning (May 21)</u></p> <p>Food Trucks – Makarim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss booking early since the date is confirmed well in advance this year. - Council has decided to hold off on using food truck this year – option of selling hot dogs, pizza, cotton candy, etc. <p>Photo Booth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photo booth is already booked for Spring Fling. <p>Gambling License – Ask Ashley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine if we want to pursue the gambling license this year. - Decision has been made to hold off on gambling license - The option of doing a silent auction in the gym. <p>Pony Rides / Car Track Rides – Makarim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find out from Panabaker where they source ponies, car track rides, etc. - Ria to look into if this would be allowed through HWDSB policies - <p>Fire Truck to be on site for the event day</p> <p>DJ Beanie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He has offered to DJ For the event for free



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	<p><u>Fundraising & Community Initiatives:</u></p> <p>Food Bank Collection – Krishna</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposal for a school-wide food bank drive. - Possible to do it in March – Aligned with the Ancaster Food Drive - Krishna to look into this and provide update <p>Chipotle Dinner Night – Laura</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore a potential restaurant fundraiser. Digital or in-person fundraising opportunity - 25% of all sales would go to Tiffany Hills School on the night of the event. - Find out what the minimum amount needed to buy <p>Shoe Factory Cards – Laura</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cards have arrived (500 copies) - to be sent home with the youngest child in each household. A digital copy of the card is also available for online orders. Anyone can mention Tiffany Hills at cash and \$5 will go towards our school. <p>COBS Fundraiser – Laura & Melissa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update: sold 63 COBS bread of the month cards - Total Profit of \$1260 - Cards to be sent home beginning of December <p><u>School Activities & Student Engagement:</u></p> <p>Sports & Clubs Calendar – Melissa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow-up on creating a monthly schedule for all sports and clubs to encourage participation. - The board is revamping all the school websites in January. After the re-imagining of the website, we can discuss possibly adding events to the website.
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	<p><u>Food Programs:</u></p> <p>Sushi/Food Option – Fatema</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information shared with School Council through email prior to meeting. - School council voted to hold off on doing this food fundraiser for now. <p>Samosa Day – Urban Dhaba @ Swadesh Supermarket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ashley suggested this as an additional food option - To be discussed at our next meeting <p>Pizza update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dec 1 – 19 (open on school cash online) - No late orders will be accepted - Next round of Pizza days January to March - Moved locations front entrance (new location is going well) <p>Cassidy Allan (HWDSB School Council Board Event)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cassidy attended to HWDSB board event about school council - Facebook group for any HWDSB school councils to join - Hamilton Foundation for Student Success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o They can issue tax receipts for any cash donations o \$200 available for any student with specific needs - Spring Valley School Council information (they use an app called PLAUD, they are doing movie fundraiser, newsletters quarterly) - Idea to meet with other local Ancaster School Councils to share ideas - School Council \$500 Parent Engagement Grant is to support School Council operations and running an effective Council. These funds will help to encourage and increase parent involvement– Option of being used for Dietician to come to the school to share lunch ideas - Next HWDSB event dinner to happen in January 2026 (Cassidy to share through email) <p>Spirit Wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Louise has organized spirit wear for 2025-2026
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth and adult t-shirt, youth and adult hoodie, ballcap, toque - To be posted on School Cash online in December – pick up in January - Delivery is 3-4 weeks after order is finalized
New Business	<p>Allocation of Funds (approved):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Council voted to approve the use of the following funds: \$2500 for sports canopy, \$459.06 for film subscription, \$1800 for Joy day, \$1500 for Chef l 'ecole - Possible use of funds in future: sensory room, primary reading resources (guided reading texts, etc.)
Next Meeting Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January 20th at 6:30pm