

Highland Public School Parent Council Meeting

April 09, 2025

Start Time: 06:30 pm

End Time: 08:00 pm

Location: Highland Library

Facilitator: Whitney Morris

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Mission Statement: *"To support the Highland School community in its dedication to the encouragement of life-long learning, the pursuit of personal best, and the fostering of respect for self and others, through the nurturing of responsible behavior and cooperation in a secure, motivating atmosphere for all."*

Members: *voting member

Name	Role	P/R/V	Name	Role	P/R/V
Whitney Morris*	Co-Chair 2024-25	P	April Lindemann*		P
Kany Blair*	Co-Chair 2024-25	R	Ekaterina Borshevetskaya*		P
Stacy Weber*	Treasurer	P	Jessica Allen**	Teacher-rep	R
Calyn Nelson*	Secretary	R	Jason Gordon**	Teacher-rep	R
Sean Finn	Principal	P	Kyle Metcalf	Vice Principal	P
Teri Horgan*	WRAPSC	P	Paula Ouellet*		P
Tania Gonzalez*		R	Amanda Kamping-Carder*		R
Jessica O'Neill		R	Laura Down*		P

Tara Chapman		P	Brooke Horsley		R
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1.	Welcome: - Review and approve Agenda	All	
2.	Administrator's Report	Sean Finn Principal	General Updates Our basketball team won West Galt Cup French Programs & Staffing - French Ventriloquist – was very successful, all kids loved it. - Staffing Updates – - Staffing challenges – No applicants for the Grade 6 French position. - General shortage of French Teachers. Currently, 2 open positions (core and Grade 6) - Internet safety education for kids – school is using the existing curriculum
3.	Teacher's Report and Requests		No Teacher's Report
4	Treasurer's Report		- Received \$161 for the SDOL Fundraiser, received \$44.45 rebate for the field trip - Total funds available for spending: \$4,985.79. Action#1: Whitney will be doing \$1000 deposit for Jungle Sport. Sean confirmed September 29 – October 03 2025 dates for the booking. Action#2: Whitney will check if Hamilton Theatre can make a discount from \$25/person ticket price for Shrek. Current dates – December 9, 10, 17 2025. Council will decide in May if the funds will be transferred from the playground funds to the event. Action#3: April will look for more grants

5.	WRAPSC report		• Director of Education talked about absenteeism costs \$20M • PIC gave \$61K in PROGrants • St Andrews school offers tours for the new students in June • High schools – ○ Blended learning days will be discontinued at the end of this school year ○ Waterloo Schoolboard is using de-streamed, program for grade 10
6.	Events and Fundraising Fundraising	Fundraising committee: Paula, Calyn, Jessica Allen	Fundraising (Paula) 1. Both Big Yellow Bag and Molloy's fundraisers are live. Please share the Big Yellow Bag info with your friends and family members - Calyn emailed a graphic you can share on social or via e-mail. 2. We've re-promoted the FlipGive fundraiser via School Day, but uptake has been minimal since the holidays. A reminder to council members that you can make online purchases (including e-gift cards) through the app to earn cashback for Highland! Albert doughnuts – not free, provided at discounted price. Need numbers for the order Action#4 for the everyone: think about the goal for fundraising Events Committee Update Committee Members: Tara, Brooke Arts Night (May 15) • Will need 3 rooms for the activities • No food trucks End of the year • DJ - \$130/hour • Long games for entertainment • Tent – Tara will ask DJ if they have a tent. As an option, Paula got a tent • Food trucks – Bob's burger (will give us back 10% of sales), ice cream • Dates: June 12 or June 19th 2025

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