



School Council Meeting

Highland Public School

February 8th 2023

Start Time: 6:30 pm

End Time:

Location: Highland Library

Facilitator: Tania Gonzalez and April Lindemann, Co-chairs

Author: Cynthia Solowiejczyk, Secretary

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	Name	Role	P/R
April Lindemann*	Co-Chair	P	Ali Burke*		R
Tania Gonzalez*	Co-Chair	P	Kany Blair*		P
Stacy Vazquez-Abrams*	Treasurer	P	Christine Stoner*		P
Cynthia Solowiejczyk*	Secretary/WR APSC	P	Terri Leskien*		R
Sean Finn	Principal	P	Teri Horgan*		P
Yomi Aroso	Vice-Principal	P	Graham Jarman*		R
Jessica Allen*	Teacher	P	Whitney Ellis		R
Tara Chapman*	WRAPSC	P	Paula Oullet		P

Emily Grzyb*		R	Laura Down		P
Ekaterina Borshevetskaya*		P	Craig McLennan		P
Amanda Maxwell*		R			
Amy Sigman*		P			

1.-	Welcome: - Review and approve Agenda		All
2.-	Administrator's Report	Lots of fun stuff happening at school for students -intramural indian basketball -chess club -student yoga -reading club -school wide battleship Census info; has been released to administrators for steering direction. Census was optional, 189 total participants. Students who identify as Metis/Indigenous, Black, White, South Asian, Southeast Asian, Latinx with various students who identified as multiple -14 languages spoken at home -some identified as transgender students -9 major religions identified, also "spiritual non-religious" -Barriers to participation; cost or transportation French Immersion Changes; -No grade 1 French Immersion, all students will get 8 of French (previously 4) -This is a solution to staffing and equity issues Q- do we want to amalgamate the two accounts? Voted and passed for yes. Corrine is on it.	Sean Finn Principal
3.-	Teacher's Report	Teachers excited to book their "trips"	Jessica Allen Teacher Rep
4.-	Treasurer's Report:	-No transactions -Working to clean up accounts and clarify the reserved funds	Stacy Vasquez-Abrams Treasurer

5.-	WRAPSC report	-WRAPSC meeting report; Talked about student achievement (WR low), Lots of concerns about Immersion shift	Cynthia Solowiejczk WRAPSC Rep
6.-	Council sponsored Events updates:	Jungle Sport- booked Feb 26-March 1 2024 \$4900 Deposit Due in March Duffle Bag is booked April 14 (k-2) \$1212.49 Focus on Nature is booked May 1-11 \$2970 Field Trip Subsidy approved \$15 per student	April Lindeman & Tania Gonzalez Co-chairs
7.-	Committees: Open House	"Swing into Spring", 1.5-2 hrs event, would take place in May, proposed vendor is Mad Science, about 7 volunteers needed. Theme: Rainbows and Flowers -around \$1570.71 for Mad Science (one hour) or \$2500 (price varies depending when you book, we will know once we've committed) -Snacks: ? Decided not to sell snacks- too complicated -7 stations, clothing or book swap, snacks sold at a profit, art display from the photography clinics -Proposal \$1000 from STEM reserves (plus) -proposal- set aside \$ for printing photos Vote; in favour of doing Open House Vote; in favour of doing 2 hour Open House	Tania, Amanda, Jessica, Whitney, Tania
8.-	Budget	Kany willing to take on PRO grant to apply for Swing into Spring	All
9.-	New Business	Future school sponsored events: Ali Burke, check out the paperwork sent Cynthia: opening up the facebook group for more community involvement. Tara and Cynthia creating a Social Media Committee to make a plan and report back.	All
10.-	Agenda Items for next meeting	-Fundraising proposals- how much should we be saving and -Flipgive; Stacey will reach out to Tara	All

Adjournment- watch for approval of agenda via email soon.

Future meeting dates- mark your calendar!

6:30pm second Wednesday of the month; March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14

Community Events

**Idea Exchange Cambridge Library
(copied from their website)**

Monday, February 13- 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Did you know that February 13 is recognized as Black Love Day?!

We are excited to bring the community together and host our first-ever Black Love Day celebration. There are five Black Love tenets - love for yourself, love for the creator, love for your family, love for the Black community and love for the Black race.

Join **Rhythm & Blues Cambridge** as we celebrate Black Love through the sharing of poetry, spoken word, and community arts and crafts activities for the whole family.

So, what does Black Love mean to you?

<https://ideaexchange.libnet.info/event/7906468>

Front Door supports children and parents in the region, helps to connect people with care providers (social workers, psychologists, etc) and provides support.

<https://www.frontdoormentalhealth.com>

EarlyON Centre offers ongoing screening and support for vision, special needs, etc

<https://earlyyearsinfo.ca/find-a-program-service/services/>

Also- calendar listing with Music & Movement program, Young Parents support group and Community Kitchen programs

<https://earlyyearsinfo.ca/wp-content/uploads/EarlyON-Water-Street-January-2023-Calendar.pdf>

WRDSB Kindergarten Registration for 2019 babies is now available at

<https://www.wrdsb.ca/kindergarten/>