

Brigadoon School Council

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Attendance

Principal: Christine Burrowes

Teacher Representatives: None

Council Members: Leslie K., Aidan O., Erin N., Randa F., Anum H., Alyssa S., Andrew H., Diyana S., Vicki Z.,

Guest: 3 Cubs Treats - fundraising proposal

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Minutes were posted to the website. The minutes were approved as presented.

2. Fundraising Proposals

A Brigadoon parent and owner of 3 Cubs Treats (a mobile mini-pancake cart and recently launched local business), presented a fundraising proposal to council.

Council expressed enthusiasm for the proposal. Action: 3 Cubs Treats will attend as a vendor for the upcoming movie nights and the May 20 spring social.

3. Treasurer's Report

- ESNS deposit (March): \$1,223.00
- Popcorn Day proceeds (gross, before popcorn expense): \$644.80
- Current balance: \$11,151.50 (some items, including the most recent movie night, are not yet reflected)

Diyana S to follow-up on outstanding items still to be deposited.

Field trip bus funding update: To date, only Room 19 has accessed the approved track and field bus funding. Council discussed whether the funds previously allocated for buses might also be used for in-class special presentations; it was noted that this had been agreed previously. Christine will request a report of which classes have used the bus funding.

4. Fundraising Updates

Popcorn Days: The most recent popcorn day was a strong success - approximately 330 bags sold. Future popcorn days will run on the last Thursdays of the remaining months, with the possibility of an additional popcorn day in September.

Movie Nights: See section below for licensing details.

Mabel's Labels: Ongoing.

5. Fundraising Initiatives

Movie Licensing Vote: Council reviewed options for updating the school's movie licensing agreement to a service offering on-demand streaming with a more current movie selection.

Council discussed the value beyond fundraising - movie nights are also about community building, and newer titles are expected to drive higher attendance. Teachers indicated the streaming access could be useful (e.g., for indoor recess).

Vote: Council voted in favour of moving forward with the on-demand streaming licence (approximately \$700 for 12 months). Motion carried.

Spring Social / Arts Night - May 20 (rain date May 21): Significant planning discussion. Highlights:

- Food trucks: 3 Cubs Treats (pending), an ice cream truck, and a fo-cheesy vendor confirmed; Alyssa is following up on a coffee vendor. Two ice cream trucks declined because of competition from the existing booking.
- Arts Night: Every child will have a piece of art on display in the hallway, plus a community-themed self-portrait collage. The dance performance has been moved to an assembly rather than the spring social.
- Activities: Balloon artist, water/temporary tattoos, face painting with stencils, and crafts.
- School clubs showcase: Idea proposed to highlight school clubs (bird club, etc.) so parents are aware of what's available
- Welcome / map area: World map and language display will be set up near the front entrance as a high-traffic welcome point.
- Community partners
- Daycare: Confirmed participating; their staff will be on site.
- Volunteers: Volunteer sign-up to be opened with time slots; specific station assignments will be confirmed closer to the event.

Money Box, Vote: Council voted to purchase a second metal money box (approximately \$37 + tax) to allow popcorn day and similar events to run two lines on opposite sides of the school, reducing wait times. Motion carried.

Scholastic Book Fair: April 20–23. Volunteer sign-up needed

Yearbook: Yearbook cover contest will run again this year.

World Map Project: On track; will be installed in time for the spring social welcome area.

Staff Appreciation Lunch: Confirmed for June 19. Diyana to confirm the parent caterer's contact info via Facebook.

6. WRAPSC Update

Erin provided a WRAPSC update from the most recent meeting:

- The meeting featured a presenter from the board on collective marketing.
- AI in schools was a focus topic.
- A survey has been sent to school council chair emails. Council chairs are encouraged to complete it within the open window of approximately two weeks.
- Bargaining: All union contracts expire at the end of August, with the 90-day bargaining window. WRAPSC will continue to monitor.
- The next (and final) WRAPSC meeting of the year is in May at the Waterloo Region Museum - in-person attendance is recommended as the online experience has been limited.

7. Teacher Update

No separate teacher update beyond items covered in the Principal Update.

8. Principal Update

Christine shared the following updates:

- The Bears assembly on accountability ran last week.
- A basketball clinic was held after school and was very well attended.
- Today, the enrichment class participated in the University of Waterloo science and design competition - a great day of learning and teamwork.
- EQAO is scheduled for the first week of June (Grades 3 and 6).
- Active clubs: volleyball, knitting club (in development), lunch helping, leadership.
- The leadership group is planning Earth Day activities and environmental initiatives.
- Safe, Caring, Inclusive Schools Committee - students raised nutrition for learning as a priority. The school is exploring official sign-up with Nutrition for Learning (no cost; supported by corporate donations).

9. Miscellaneous

- Apples / nut-free snacks for the office: Council confirmed previous approval. Anyone who picks up apples should submit receipts. Christine will track usage to inform future budget discussions.
- Spring Social subcommittee meeting will continue planning between now and May 20.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM (the week before the spring social, to allow for final coordination and a recap of scholastic and popcorn day). Council will consider whether to also hold a wrap-up meeting or social gathering in early June.

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ESNS Volunteer Sign-Up: volunteersignup.org/QWQJR