

**CR Marchant School Council Meeting
January 8th 2025
Meeting Minutes**

Co-Chairs: Julie Bisson (JB), Courtney Ricci (CR)
Treasurer: Valerie Groves (VG)
Secretary: Damon Groves (DG)

Location: CR Library
Time: 6:30-7:30

Present: Principal Kristine Sitwell (KS), Courtney Ricci (CR), Julie Bisson (JB), Valerie Groves (VG), Damon Groves (DG), Ms. Arruda (MA), Sue Ben-Brahim (SB), Adriana Avramova (AA), Natasha Grant (NG), Ivet Las (IL), Members of CR Student Council.

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Actions/ Responsibilities
<i>Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledge-ment</i>	CR provides a warm welcome. Members of CR's student council recite land acknowledgment	
<i>Review and approval of Nov, 2024 minutes</i>	CR motions to pass minutes from Nov. SB seconds, motion passed	-
<i>Community Representative – Asha Francis- Toronto</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “The List”- A list of books curated by TPL Student Council. Recommended reading for teens. Also available for toddler- 12-year-olds. ● “Young Voices”- Collection of artwork by teens. 	-

<i>Public Library, Weston Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brainfuse: Online help from 2-11pm. Homework help, practices tests, etc. Need library card for access. 	
<i>Principal's Report (KS)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brave Education: External resource focusing on mental health and wellbeing, setting boundaries and positive relationships. They are coming in February and addressing each class. ● Code of Conduct: Is now finished!! ● Cell Phone Policy: We received \$1,500 to reinforce the policy. Lock boxes are great, but they cost \$300 each. We are also using funds to design and print posters at school to educate students on policy. ● School Interviews: FEB 13th. Will council be present for bake sale? ● Caretakers: This has been an ongoing issue. We only have one evening caretaker, while we need two. The position has been open for months. 	
<i>Chair Report (CR, JB)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Innovation Grant</u>: We did not receive a grant this year. We are trying to get feedback from board about what they are looking for in application process (i.e.- what can we do next time to increase our chances). We haven't heard back. VG- last year was a lottery, is it the same this year? CR- I'm not sure, but it was one of my questions to the board. SB- perhaps parents can also try contacting the board to inquire as well. ● <u>Parent Engagement Night</u>: CR- thought about something like a video game design night. KS- what about AI as well? Good for parents and students. VG- I could see partnering with high school for this. ● <u>Movie Night</u>: We did a combined night with a SAC meeting last year. KS- major issue we're having with after school events is our caretaking staff. Having only one of two evening caretakers is challenging, and the 	-

	<p>current one is leaving next month. It's getting harder to get permits because of this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Grade 8 grad trip</u>: It is already BOOKED! <p>FUTURE MEETINGS/DATES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - March 5th (DIY Merch Night?) - April 2nd (Movie Night) - June 4th 																																																							
<p><i>Treasurer Report (VG)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Recent deposits include Lunchbox</u> (which will be monthly) ● Still have an outstanding \$100 cheque that has not been cashed. ● Arts Showcase: We charged for concessions to break even. ● Financial literacy Night: came \$100 under budget ● We still have \$500 in parent engagement funds we MUST USE!! ● Below are the current financials: <table border="1" data-bbox="518 1146 1143 1896"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2023-2024</th> <th>24-'25 Budget</th> <th>Revenue</th> <th>Expenses</th> <th>Actual/Current</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Starting Balance</td> <td>1777.12</td> <td>1370.86</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1370.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BBQ</td> <td>-225.42</td> <td>-330</td> <td></td> <td>-329.93</td> <td>-329.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lunchbox</td> <td>226.80</td> <td>300</td> <td>59.50</td> <td></td> <td>59.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assemblies</td> <td>-300</td> <td>-200</td> <td>100.00</td> <td></td> <td>100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bake Sales</td> <td>657.83</td> <td>500</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Arts Night</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>154.60</td> <td>-119.77</td> <td>34.83</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct Donations</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Financial Literacy Night</td> <td></td> <td>-300</td> <td></td> <td>-196.10</td> <td>-196.10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2023-2024	24-'25 Budget	Revenue	Expenses	Actual/Current	Starting Balance	1777.12	1370.86			1370.86	BBQ	-225.42	-330		-329.93	-329.93	Lunchbox	226.80	300	59.50		59.50	Assemblies	-300	-200	100.00		100.00	Bake Sales	657.83	500				Arts Night			154.60	-119.77	34.83	Direct Donations						Financial Literacy Night		-300		-196.10	-196.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan on how to use \$500 for parents engagement funds -
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	Math / STEM Night		-500				
	Movie Night	-370.77					
	Community Breakfast	-122.09					
	French Carnival	-272.61	-300				
	Ending Balance	1370.86	540.86	314.10	-645.80	1039.16	
	SC Funds - School Budget	\$396				\$1.25/pupil	
	Parent Engagement Funds	\$500					
<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Instead of a movie night, perhaps we could do a craft night? MA- I have a Cricket Machine, to make cut-outs! We can make our own CR merchandise! It's very engaging! ● IL- I can try and help getting donors for certain items. Student Council Members: we love the idea of decorating water bottles! <p style="text-align: center;">CR motions to end meeting, DG seconds. Meeting ends at 7:30pm</p>						- Council to plan DIY merch night

