

CR Marchant School Council Meeting
Sept 25th, 2025
Meeting Minutes

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

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

Present: Principal Kristine Sitwell (KS), Vice-Principal Bakari Lindsey (BL), CEW Hien Dieu Le (HD) Courtney Ricci (CR), Julie Bisson (JB), Valerie Groves (VG), Damon Groves (DG), Kimberly Mihaychuk-Nonis (KM), Sue Ben-Brahim (SB), Mercy Charles (MC), Isabel Clark (IC), Rocco Ricci (RR), Leah Cocolicchio (LC), Nicole Geddes (NG), Michelle Armstrong (MA), Shifat Maqbul (SM), Jalisa Colley (JC)

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Actions/ Responsibilities
<i>Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement</i>	CR provides a warm welcome. BL recites land acknowledgment from memory	
<i>Review and approval of June 2025</i>	CR motions to pass minutes from June SB seconds, motion passed	
<i>2025-2026 Council Elections</i>	The following are acclaimed for executive roles: ● CO-Chairs- Courtney Ricci and Julie Bisson ● Treasurer- Val Groves	

	● Secretary- Damon Groves The following are acclaimed as voting council members: ● Shifat Maqbul ● Kimberly Mihaychuk-Nonis ● Sue Ben-Brahim ● Michelle Armstrong ● Jalisa Colley	
<i>Principal's Report (KS)</i>	● Class reorganisation: We have added a grade 8 class, which was much needed! Brought in a new teacher from HJ Alexander- she is great! ● School Budget: our budget this year is very similar to last year (not including our funds for model school) ● Grad Ceremony: School pays for dinner and dance. Can I ask council members to assist in serving food this year? Gives our staff a chance to enjoy the evening ● School Improvement Plan: Our staff will meet on Monday, and we will need input from council at our next meeting ● Checks Over Strikes: Program run by two men originally from Weston focusing on financial literacy. They are going to work with grade 8 this year ● Safe and Caring Committee: Focuses on well-being of students. We need a volunteer to be a parent rep. LC volunteers to be on committee- thank you Leah! ● Covenant House: Providing workshops on trafficking on Oct 9th ● Courtyard Project: CR has raised the issue of remodelling the courtyard to provide a	

	safe and functional outdoor space. We have a team coming soon to remove the rotted tree. Hoping to get VG to help with gardening. BL- we are also looking to have the school houses plant and maintain garden plots around the school property	
<i>Chair Report (CR, JB)</i>	● Merch Night: Was very successful and would love to combine with a Council Meeting again. Need Ms. Arruda's assistance again- she was great ● Child Minding: One issue with in-person meetings is child minding. KS- hard to ask staff for help in evening. JC- can we do hybrid meetings? Happy to facilitate that. ● Curriculum Night: Monday Sept 29th. Council will provide free food and beverages from 5-6pm, then presentations and classroom visits from 6-7pm ● Innovation Grant: MC- it's time to start thinking about the application. This year's provincial grant is \$1,100. Focusing on skill development. Application due in November. HD- we should put together a sub-committee now. JB, CR, and JC volunteer for Innovation Grant subcommittee- Thank You! FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS: - Sept 29th Curriculum Night - Nov. 5th Merch Night and Council Meeting - January 14th Movie Night and Council Meeting - TBD February/March Black History Night - March 4th Iftar Celebration - April 1st Council Meeting - TBD May Asian Heritage Night	- Innovation grant subcommittee to start application process - Gather/ask for donations for merch night. Also ask Mr. Arruda for help with Cricket logos again

	- June 3 rd Council Meeting (final meeting)	
<i>Treasurer Report (VG)</i>	● Current balance to start school year is \$923.44 ● Our budget will be finalized by our next meeting	● Finalize budget by next council meeting
<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	● MA- how can we fundraise for the school? KS- it is very difficult fundraising from school community. As a model school, we receive financial support from province ● What about fundraising for grad trip? KS- it's the same issue. We have tried our best to find budget-friendly trips, and start fundraising early, but our school community has trouble meeting the thresholds to commit to trips. We focus on the grad dinner instead ● CR motions to end meeting, DG seconds. Meeting ends at 8pm	-