

Parent Council & School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:08 p.m.

Location: Sir G.E. Cartier Library

1. Parent Council Update

- Discussed potential Plant/Flower Sale fundraiser (vegetables or plants).
- Possible partners: Westmount Garden Centre or Heeman's.
- Ideas included Butterfly Garden or Vegetable Garden projects (permits required for ground work).
- Sara to begin planning.
- Consideration of an Earth Day school cleanup event; timeline may be tight but feasible.

2. School Council Update

- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4–8):
 - Discussion around food safety and cross-contamination.
 - Alternatives: gift cards and pizza, salad bar, or catered options (Subway/Jersey Mike's with toppings on the side).
 - Fruit, vegetable, and meat trays also suggested.
- Pizza Day:
 - Overall successful.
 - Scheduling issue for May; likely postponed to June 5 (Sara to confirm).
- Treat Trail:
 - Scheduled for Friday, April 17.
 - 7 adult volunteers confirmed.
- Year-End Event:
 - Raffle license required.
 - Ideas: guessing jars, raffle baskets, face painting, food trucks.
 - Pay-to-play games (e.g., cornhole) discussed.
- Graduation Trip:
 - Interest form to be sent; target ~80% participation.
 - Printed forms to be distributed.

3. Treasurer's Report

- No income recorded for March due to limited activities.
- Significant fundraising expected in April.

- Decodable book cheque has not yet been deposited (Jen to follow up).
- Popcorn/Pepperette fundraiser:
 - ~30 students participated.
 - Approx. \$1,400 profit.
 - Opportunity to increase participation next year.

4. Principal's Update

- Approval for Kindergarten renovations:
 - Removal of cubbies.
 - Installation of in-class bathrooms.
- Staff room refresh approved.
- New basketball court to be built over summer (ready by September).
- Enrollment decline:
 - Surplus of 2.8 teachers.
 - Enrollment below 300.
 - Loss of 2 classes, with 2 more projected.
 - Large Grade 8 cohort contributing.
- EQAO scheduled May 5 – June 9.
- Spring Dance planned.
- Need 30–40 brochures for Kindergarten Day.

5. Questions / Discussion Items

- Graduation Awards:
 - 19 wall plaques listed (\$55–\$95).
 - Clarification needed: “plate and keeper” and “2-inch BR gold medal”.
 - Medal likely for high achievement.
- Reminder to distribute election forms for council positions.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2026