

**CR Marchant School Council Meeting
June 10, 2026
Meeting Minutes**

Co-Chairs: Julie Bisson (JB), Courtney Ricci (CR)

Treasurer: Valerie Groves (VG)

Secretary: Damon Groves (DG)

**Damon Groves was absent Meeting Minutes recorded by Julie Bisson (JB)

Location: CR Library

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Present: Principal Kristine Sitwell (KS), Courtney Ricci (CR), Julie Bisson (JB), Valerie Groves (VG), Sue Ben-Brahim (SB), Michelle Armstrong, Yasin Dadi Tuke (YD), Vyona Somerville (VS)

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Actions/ Responsibilities
<i>Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement</i>	CR provides a warm welcome. KS recites land acknowledgment.	
<i>Review and approval of April 2026 minutes</i>	Via email June 8, 2026: SB motions to pass minutes from Jan, CR seconds, motion passed	
<i>Chair Report (CR, JB)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year End Reflection/ Highlights – An email will be sent from the council to families with the information shared at the meeting and will highlight events of from the 25-26 school year. <u>School Council Meeting Dates</u> Sept 25, 25 Nov 12, 25 Jan 14, 26 	

April 1, 26
June 10, 26

School Council 25/26 Activities and events:

Nov 12, 25 – Merch Night

Jan 14, 26 – Movie Night

Feb 4, 26 – Checks over Strikes

March 20, 26 – Iftar

April 8, 26 – Mindfulness Everyday (Innovation Grant)

- Council identified that some events did not get good attendance (Movie Night)
- We will reflect and look at ways to have an engaged school community.
- Next Years Curriculum Night – Tentative Date October 7th.
- Looking Ahead – TDSB concerns and losing the Model school designation. Mono Cliff Trip cancelled due to increased price. Budget cuts are going to impact the school.
- Graduation – Everything will be set up, but parents are being requested to help with supervision. Dinner at 6, dance to follow

Message from Co-Chair Courtney Ricci

School Council at C.R. Marchant has made intentional decisions to strengthen community engagement by reassessing how events are planned and delivered. Through reflection on past initiatives this year, Council identified that some events did not generate strong participation. In response, council is exploring new initiatives that will attract families and improve engagement, with a focus on offering more relevant and appealing opportunities for the school community. This includes rethinking the types of events offered to better connect with families. These decisions reflect a commitment to growth, responsiveness and building a more engaged and connected school community.

<p><i>Treasurer's Report (VG)</i></p>	<p>All transactions for the year are available and printed/provided for the meeting.</p> <p>Val updated the financials with the expenses spent on the recent events including the innovation grant spending for light refreshments and Asian Heritage Night.</p> <p>Ms. Sitwell is requesting \$360 for cookies as a year end student appreciation.</p> <p>Discussion over the success of lunchbox. We will look into other lunch options and see what has been successful at other school. Pizza and Chicken are big hits.</p> <p>We would like to establish a weekday other than Fridays (potentially Tuesdays).</p> <p>School Council will close the year with \$2204.10 balance.</p> <p>VG motions to approve the financials with \$360 added into the budget to support the Student Appreciation, SB seconds, motion passed.</p>	
<p><i>Principal's Report (KS)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● French Carnival is coming up on the 16th. All grades have different events & cooperative games planned. ● Grade 8's - graduation party planned at Activate. ● Grade 6's - Monoclipf trip approaching. ● Dental Screening is currently taking place. ● Next year – Art Connects are coming to do arts with the students. ● Graduation. Wednesday, June 24 at 4:30 at Weston Cl. Then back to CR for dance and dinner. Weston donated gowns. ● School numbers are up – looking 350 	
<p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We need more engagement from parents. 	<p>-</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● We would like to find a way to get the students involved in Iftar next year.● Continue to send out communication and dates to encourage parents attendance.● SB motions to end meeting, VG seconds. Meeting ends at 7:15pm	
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