



School Council

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General Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2026 @ 6:30pm
Esther Starkman School Library

Attendance:

Board - Shannon Kornago, Richelle Prickett, Rita Robinson
Members - Tarra Schmidt, Farina McLennan, Georgina Ball
Staff - Kyril Mueller, Jane Zaiane
Regrets - Laura Compton, Jonathan Tunde-Wright

Call to Order & Treaty Acknowledgment

S. Kornago (chairing for L. Compton) called the meeting to order at 6:34pm, followed by a Treaty Land Acknowledgment.

Approval of Agenda & Previous Minutes

Motion by F. McLennan to accept the agenda for Jan 6 as presented. Seconded by T. Schmidt. Motion carried.

Motion by G. Ball to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on Dec 2 as presented. Seconded by F. McLennan. Motion carried.

Principal's Report

K. Mueller presented a Principal's report and update on school proceedings. For full details, please see the linked report - [Principal's Report](#).

Highlights include:

- School priorities finalized for the year; no significant changes as this is the last year of the three year cycle for the Division priorities.
- Introduced Jane Zaiane (School Librarian)

- Library update
 - Updating the collection, with support from Parent Association
 - Added 886 unique titles to the collection since March; duplicate copies for Div 3 novel studies
 - Added a seasonal section; using it to highlight holidays and celebrations that are reflective of the student population
 - Student borrowing: 8232 checkouts from Sept to date
 - Average age of collection: 2009
 - Latest publication date: 2026
 - Library catalogue is public; anyone can search the contents
 - https://library.epsb.ca/client/en_US/est
 - Building up first nations content - 72 new items since March
- School results review completed; more details in Principal's report
 - Successes (2024-25):
 - Targeted interventions making an impact in student growth; seeing improvements in reading and math; for the first time in several years all elementary grades are above the Division averages
 - Satisfaction with access to supports is increasing
 - Other improvements in areas such as safe environments and resilience
 - Areas for growth and improvement:
 - Grade 9 math results (PAT results); entire Div 3 math team is focused on improving this result;
 - Specific actions to address those areas for improvement are included in the report
 - Ways parents/families can help are also outlined in the report, and include engaging with the home kits and communicating with the teachers/school
- Open House - Feb 18 (5pm - 7:30pm)
- Staffing: Mrs. Thom is retiring; Ms. Omar starting on Jan 19
- Community Connection mtg - February 10 (special needs); posted next week on SchoolZone

Standing Business

Agenda Item – Parent Traffic Patrol

- J. Tunde-Wright absent, defer update to next meeting

New Business

- None

Adjournment

S. Kornago adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm

Next Meeting

Feb 3, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Esther Starkman Library.