

CR Marchant School Council Meeting
Nov 12th, 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), Asha Francis (AF)

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Actions/ Responsibilities
<i>Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement</i>	CR provides a warm welcome. Student Council Members recite land acknowledgment from memory	
<i>Review and approval of Sept 2025</i>	Via email Sept 29: CR motions to pass minutes from Sept SM seconds, motion passed	
<i>Family Wellbeing Presentation</i>	• LEF (Learning Enrichment Foundation): Started in Scarborough but available in Weston now. Program serves caregivers taking care of youth in York South-Weston. Helps them with resources and services they might need like afterschool programs.	

	Completely at the disposal of the caregivers. We can meet the caregivers where they are! • LEF operates a lot of community hubs (Keele, Jane). Goal is to engage with parents in community to decide what programs to run, i.e. stay in school and violence prevention. • Nov. 18th: "Parenting in a new culture." JB- does this include "6-7"	
<i>Weston Public Library Presentation (AF)</i>	• Youth Hub is for 13-18 years. Have devices for general usage like laptops, provide help with resumés, homework, for example. • Brainfuse: Database through TPL website. You need library card. Find a tutor online for free from 2-11pm. Free and fast! • Pop Up Learning: To bring more STEM activities to area. • Virtual Reality: gaming and STEM activities. • ALL FOR FREE!! • To get library card: you need two pieces of identification. Health Card, report card, parent's ID. • Location is 2 King Street • CR- we have used Brainfuse. It was fairly quick. My daughter had a challenging math question, and it was very responsive! Great resource.	
<i>Treasurer Report (VG)</i>	• Starting budget for 2025-2026 is 923.44 • Revenue: • Lunchbox (Subway, etc) Last year, we doubled our lunchbox revenue. KS- Jerk Chicken is brand new. And burgers are coming too. • Bakesale • Direct donations at school concerts • Expenses:	

	• \$200 for curriculum night • Movie Night: \$350 • Merch Night: \$200 (could be more) • Graduation: \$300 • Parent engagements funds: school council gets \$500 per year • JB- I propose we pledge \$150 for each Black History and Asian Heritage. • JB motion to accept budget KMN seconds	
<i>Principal's Report (KS)</i>	• School Improvement Plan: TDSB has a template now for all schools. Staff and student council goals for improving literacy, numeracy and showing indigenous education in our schools. Do our students feel ready for high school? Do the students feel safe, and part of the community? • Dec 11th: Weston Collegiate Winter Showcase. Some CI students are performing. • Dec. 16th: Weston CI Winter Showcase • Feb 4th: Checks over Strikes. Financial literacy for caregivers. Inviting all of our feeder schools. • Feb 11th: Black History Assembly • Parent Teacher Conferences tomorrow and Friday! • Community: Getting calls from neighbours about students throwing trash in properties. Asking students to treat the neighbourhood with respect. Also students on the railroad tracks. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S PHONE. Online bullying is everywhere, and very prevalent	
<i>Chair Report (CR, JB)</i>	• Our School Council will join us for the next meeting!	

	- Some students and staff from Weston CI were present for grade 8 transition- really nice to see from our home schools - Innovation Grant: \$1,500. For very specific events. Found an approved vendor for mental health and wellness. Will find out if we get it in December. Will likely be scheduled in April FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS: - 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 - June 3rd Council Meeting (final meeting)	
<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	- End of the year BBQ??- company comes in. Cash online. Have fun \$5 per burger. Pre done. All purchases done beforehand on cash online. Facepainting - Student-led initiatives. Different groups grade 8s sold to students. Promotes math as well. - Sell concessions during movie night - Engage students in developing ideas as well, not just school council - NR- donations from Black History last year- can they be used for this year's Black History expenses? - Important to have a serious talk with your child to help build a long term relationship with your kid to help prevent social media issues at home. CR motions to end meeting, DG seconds. Meeting ends at 8pm	-

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