

**EAST GARAFRAXA PUBLIC SCHOOL
School Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025

In attendance:

Principal: Michelle McCann

Teacher: Julie Brundle

Parents/Guardians: Ashley Eisen, Judy Martin, Melissa Kent, Stacey Quincey, Deb Halls, Anju Grover

Welcome

Approval of minutes – Approved

Principal's Report – Michelle McCann

Student Learning and Achievement:

- We welcomed Felicia Adessi as a student teacher in Mrs. Fox's class. This is her first placement and she is with us until December 12th.
- Parent Teacher Interviews went virtual/over the phone on November 27 and in-person on November 28th.
- We have our Attitude assembly on Friday, December 5th at 2pm, being led by intermediate students
- In staff meetings and PD, we will be continuing with our focus on interventions for target students in literacy and math, and providing targeted small group instruction in literacy and math based on assessment information. We discussed Lag versus Lead data at our November staff meeting and how teachers are tracking information about students on an ongoing basis to see progress.
- Scientists in School have been in Mrs. Brundle's class and Mrs. Fox's class. It was enjoyed by all! Thank you to Mrs. Fischer for organizing this, and to School Council for their financial support.
- I am out of the office next week (Dec 8-12). Dan Turner, Shane Mead, and Walter Vander Vaart are covering the office.

Extracurricular Activities:

- Intermediate volleyball has been fun! Thank you to Ms. McClure and Ms. Gawthroupe for volunteering to coach students.
- Mini Stick club started today and will run until the holiday break. Students have planned and organized for the club and Mrs. White will supervise. Students will be required to wear safety glasses while participating and will not be permitted to use the mini sticks outside during other times of the day.

Community Engagement:

- Grade 7 Immunizations were today.
- Book Fair - starts Friday and runs next week
- Lockdown drill - scheduled for Thursday

**Michelle will be out of office next week; coverage provided by Mr. Turner, Mr. Mead and retired principal (Walter)*

Teacher's Report – Julie Brundle

- Scientists in the classroom has started.
- Turkey shoot posters are up and will run soon.
- School Christmas concert Dec 18th @ 9am in the gym
- Parent teacher interviews just finished. It was nice to touch base with families and share all of the great things the kids are doing.
- No teacher wishes right now. Some classrooms need to spend the \$ parent council gave.

Financial Report -Melissa Kent

- Still waiting on 9 teachers to spend their funds - \$2250 *Julie to send out reminder email to teachers*
- Gym equipment has been purchased and paid for.
- Girls uniform tops have been purchased and paid for.
- We have held 2 Science Workshops - Remaining fund \$1500
- Turkeys ordered from Foodland in Hillsburgh for Turkey Shoot (grades 4-8)
- Forest of Reading still needs to be paid for - \$1000 allocated. Approved

Category Balance: \$20,680.64

Fundraising total: \$6477.09

Playground Fund: \$6450

New Business and Updates**1. Holiday Market**

a. December 15-17th from 9-10:45am.

-Judy and Jocelyn to touch base re: sending an email request for volunteers to run the market

b. Gift Tags to be sent home the week before. Check if Roxanne has the gift tag file. Last year they were printed on colourful paper and one sheet was sent home with every child. Tags are filled out at home and paid for online through School Cash Online. Have option to purchase day of with cash.

c. 591 gift items to date. Council to purchase a few more things

d. Will need to pick up stored Rubbermaid's from the school

e. Plan a wrapping party

2. Winter Activity?

-Discuss in Jan

3. Family Day Skate (need to book)

a. Ashley to book ice in Grand Valley

b. 2 hours

4. Additional Fundraising

a. Dance-athon (Valentines theme) Friday, Feb 13th, 2026

-students get sponsored to dance for 1 hour

-the student who raised the most money and the student who had the most sponsors got to have lunch with the principal

-council could purchase glow sticks, Hawaiian lei's, etc.

-Send email out to gather parent volunteers

b. Used book sale?

5. Silent Auction

-Ends December 15th. Items can be picked up December 16-19

-Once we know who gets which item we can label with their name, and bring to the school so that it is organized for Roxanne

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday January 13, 2025 @ 7pm, Virtual

Adjournment