

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

Wednesday, November 5th, 2025

In attendance:

Principal: Michelle McCann

Teacher: Absent

Parents/Guardians: Jocelyn Cranley, Stacey Quincey

Welcome

Approval of minutes – Approved

Principal's Report – Michelle McCann

Student Learning and Achievement:

- We welcomed Braydon Dennis as a student teacher in Mr. Turner's class on Monday. He is with us until the December break.
- Teachers have worked diligently to complete ongoing assessments in order to write fall progress report cards. Progress reports will be available online by Wednesday November 12th. Parents/Guardians can book interview times online. Interviews will be offered after school and on Friday November 28th which is a PD day, based on teacher schedules.
- We have our Respect assembly on Friday, November 7th at 2pm, being led by intermediate students
- Remembrance Day assembly is scheduled for November 11th at 9am.
- 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.
- November 17th to 21st we will be acknowledging Bullying Awareness and Prevention week Board wide. There will be an email coming out with more information and resources.
- Scientists in School will be coming next week to work in some of our Kindergarten and Primary classrooms. Thank you to Mrs. Fischer for organizing this, and to Council for their financial support.
- Dental Screenings will take place tomorrow for JK/SK and Grade 2 students

Extracurricular Activities:

- We have Junior and Intermediate volleyball going on right now. There was a tight turnaround between frisbee and volleyball which made the process a little more challenging for the junior team, but thankfully, teacher volunteers were able to bring students to participate in the tournament today.
- Students participated in the Ultimate Frisbee Tournament which was a success!

- Crochet club is starting up, all led by some really passionate grade 6 and 7 students and supervised by Mrs. White.
- Lunchbox orders started this week: We started with Mr. Sub and Booster Juice. We had some good interest in this.

Community Engagement:

- We received a lot of positive feedback about the Fall Fling! Thank you for all the time, effort, and planning that went into this.

Teacher's Report – N/A

Financial Report -N/A

New Business and Updates

1. Holiday Market

- a. 3 days between December 15-19
-Jocelyn to send out request for volunteers to run the market
- b. Gift Tags to be sent home the week/weekend before
- c. Received inventory list from Tanya. There were 706 gifts last year, and 271 remain (Judy and Stacey have purchased some things)
- d. Wrapped gifts are stored in labelled boxes above stage storage, and additional items are in Rubbermaid in shed with limited access
- e. Keep an eye out for sales (Amazon Prime Days, Black Friday, Costco, Walmart, Dollar Store, etc)

2. Movie Night (Winterfest)

- a. Michelle confirmed a weekend could work, however a Community Use Permit would need to be obtained, and then the board would provide custodial etc.
Would have to ensure the school is available
- b. Discussed dates (Nov 22 or 29), however November is too rushed and December is quite busy for families
- c. Decided not to move ahead with this and instead do a Spring event

3. Silent Auction Fundraiser

- a. Date TBD (December)
- b. Start collecting donations

4. Additional Fundraising

- a. Used book sale?
 - collect book donations for all ages
 - at the end any leftover books could be donated

- b. Dance-athon (Valentines theme?)
 - students get sponsored to dance for 1 hour
 - the student who raised the most \$ and the student who had the most sponsors got to have lunch with the principal
 - council could purchase glow sticks, Hawaiian lei's, etc.

- c. Spring movie night?

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025 @ 7pm, Virtual

Adjournment