



École James R. Henderson School Council Meeting Agenda Tuesday, May 5th, 2025

6:30-8:30pm

Potluck today!

6:30-6:40 Welcome

- Land acknowledgement -
- Introduction if appropriate – student teacher
- Approve minutes from March – motion to approve the minutes Sarah, seconded by Kimberly, passed

6:40 – 6 :53 Administrators' Report

- Mme. Brennan & Mme. Rode
 - Ms. Mason welcome in grade 7/8
 - Approved for same class arrangement for next year 8 English, 16 French Immersion (tentative)
 - Next step – teacher placements and managing child request
 - April PA day focused sharing of practice of high yield instructional strategies for our Tier 3 students and in the area of literacy
 - Literacy and math focus
 - Lexia evening well attended, great feedback, data provides information about English literacy levels and meeting benchmarks
 - Spring concert – great success, lots of positive feedback, educators put out a lot of effort and creativity
 - Board game night – success as the night progressed, teachers are grateful for the game donations, staff appreciate the time and effort that school council put forth
 - Easter Seals Red Shirt Day – May 31st, love to see everyone to support the cause
 - 42 new JKs coming in, 5 SKs also joining
 - Sail update – Facilities came to the school on 2026-05-05, determined there is no option for putting a sail above the sandbox in the kinder yard, 3 sails have been ordered for the kinder yard and will hopefully be installed in the next few weeks
 - Thank you to the council for the treats on 2026-05-01
- Mme. Adamson - regrets

● Mme. Mackay

- World Autism Day April 2nd – students made paper chain, each child put a strength on a link and hung their link in the chain
- Art with Ms. Dickie – clay in 5/6 French class, sculptures with water colour tape, fun for students to work through their artistic processes
- Running club and Road Races – April 28th first, second race May 6th, 97 runners at first meet, many continued on to tomorrow's meet
- Junior soccer tryout on May 7th, tournament is May 19th.
- This week is Mental Health Week – daily announcements, creating a community quilt, each class decorate a person shaped square, assembly on May 7th
- Milkshakes – May 6th first one, proceeds go to grade 8 grad trip/boat cruise
- Give 30 food drive, collected 785lbs of food donated

6 :53 – 6 :58 Chairs' Updates

- Provide an overview of Council related updates or discussions
- o PRO Grant Recap – went well with Games Night, hope that the next year the turnout will be bigger

6:58 - 7:10 Treasurer's Report (see below)

- Provide overview, review and approve financial report
- Fresh from farm fundraising missing
- Encouraged teachers to access their funds for students
- Council was approved for Bingos; Mark believes that we might begin in the future
 - o There are rules that state that volunteers cannot be financially compensated for their volunteer times. However, the Bingo shifts often occur on holidays and late at night. Mark posed the question, "should the volunteering at Bingos be incentivised?"
 - o Each shift is 2 hours, organization receives a significant financial subsidy
 - o Need 2 volunteers per shift, shifts can be anytime throughout the day
 - o Unknown presently exactly how many shifts an organization will receive
 - o The council would like to begin by trying to get volunteers and then if unable to get enough the council could consider incentivising for volunteers
 - o School mural – still in progress
 - o Trees – Brock and Alyson are looking further into it
 - o Kinder sails will cost extra \$1000 extra funding is needed, an exact amount will be provided by next meeting for council to vote

7:10 – 7:28 Spring Fling

- Donations are coming in, Alyson is collecting
- Booked balloon animal
- Volunteer call has gone out, schedule is beginning to be filled, staff are welcome to volunteer
- Sarah will look after themes for baskets
- Sarah will create a link for the bake sale and Sue will organize other aspects of bake sale

- Students will begin to donate class basket items on May 11, 2026 for class baskets

7:28 – 7:59 Committee/Events Updates

- Hot Lunch – no third day this year, for next school year perhaps a feature Friday
- Fundraising – no update
- Recess Resources (Previously Consumables) – tricycles have been ordered, Kimberly mentioned footballs, volleyballs, soccer balls, council will look acquire 1 wheeled bin for stray balls to be placed in at the end of the day
- Eco Initiatives – money spent on mulch, don't plan to use the entire amount of budget, admin have asked if volunteers would be willing to clean up the front yard, advertising in the newsletter, gr. 2 teacher is looking into rejuvenating raised gardens, council will send out a call for volunteers
- Finance – N/A
- Staff Appreciation – Full moon Friday treat, planning for end of the year treat
- Movie Night – N/A
- PIC Rep – Parents of children that are neurodivergent want to form a group, Michael Blackburn spoke about AI in LDSB, before and after school care continues to be a hot topic for the board, PIC has created a letter that they will vote on at the next meeting, students accessing school board software over the summer, there is one more meeting for the year

8:00 – 8:11 Discussion topics from School Community

- Bike bus – members were introduced to the concept being done in other boards
- Board stand on current views about reducing digital integration – no changes
- Next meeting – June 16, 2026, final meeting



Treasurer's Report
James R. Henderson School Council
 As of May 5th 2026

Fundraising

Activity	Intent of Fundraising	Income	Expenses	Profit
Mabel's Labels		\$ 231.78		\$ 231.78
Movie Nights		\$ 522.90	\$ 356.58	\$ 166.32
Hot Lunch		\$ 6,750.00		\$ 6,750.00
Parents' Night Out		\$ 150.47	\$ 39.27	\$ 111.20
Fresh From the Farm		\$ 21.00		\$ 21.00
Total		\$ 7,676.15	\$ 395.85	\$ 7,280.30

Budget (Approved)	Funds Raised- 24/25 Event	Council Contact	Amount	Spent	Remaining
\$6 Per Student- STEAM	Spring Fling	Teachers/Mark	\$ 3,312.00	\$ 77.22	\$ 3,234.78
Breakfast Club		Mme Brennan	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
Colour Run	Spring Fling	Sara	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
Council Admin (Printer/Supplies)		Sara	\$ 500.00	\$ 338.29	\$ 161.71
Eco Committee	Hot Lunch	Natalie	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
Foodsharing	Mable's Labels/Cobs	Mark	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Indoor School Mural		Natalie/Kate	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
Learning Commons	Hot Lunch	Emily A/Hilary	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,987.65	\$ 12.35
Recess Toys	Hot Lunch/Movie Night	Natalya/Mark	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 694.59	\$ 2,305.41
Sail for Kindergarden Yard	Hot Lunch/Front's Game	Mark	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
Staff Appreciation		Allyson	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 310.06	\$ 689.94
Trees		Allyson	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
Volleyball Nets		Mark	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 958.78	\$ 41.22
Extra			\$ 272.67		\$ 272.67
Total			\$ 21,284.67	\$ 8,366.59	\$ 12,918.08

Notes

Treasurer and Signing Officers to approve up to \$100 overages
 All funds must be spent before the first meeting in the next School Year.
 Requests for additional funds should be sent to the finance committee prior to meetings.