



JR Henderson School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

6:30-6:35

Welcome

- Land acknowledgement – Sara shared a video, but the sound wasn't working. For next meeting she will share the video again. Here is the link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtG7j19na4>
- Introductions – N.A.
- Approve minutes from September and June – Motion to approve Sara, seconded by Kimberly, motion passed.

6:35-6:55

Administrators' Reports

- Mme. Brennan
 - Mental Health Grant \$1000 from the Ministry
 - Began a student directed club – Belief and Belong club, games and snacks, announcements, everyone is invited in grade 4 up to 8
 - October 5th Educator Appreciation day – created a game, all staff were appreciated, prizes included goodies and fun!
 - Fire Drills are occurring frequently, 3 in the fall and 3 in the spring, there will also be a lock down and a hold and secure drill
 - Lock down – Mme. Brennan gives an explanation to students so that they understand that this is only a practice session
 - Admin will work with any families that find this process triggering
 - Halloween activities – Wednesday, October 29th Spooky Hair Day, Thursday, October 30th Door Decorating Day and spooky walk, Friday, October 31st Black and Orange Day and glow stick party
 - PA Day October 10, 2025 – full staff learning
 - Learning partners continue to work with staff
 - EQAO results – not yet released
 - Attendance – priority, there is an attendance draw, if a student meets the 90% threshold their name is placed in a draw
- Mme. Rode
 - Hot lunch – everyone is enjoying it, thanks to volunteers
 - JR Intramurals are a hit, primary will begin soon, coaches meeting on October 10th planning continues for the next sport season
 - IEPs come home this week – October 15th, packaging is different but the content remains the same, reach out to the school admin if you have questions.
- Mme. Mackay & Ms. Adamson
 - September 30th – Truth and Reconciliation Day, thanks to Mme. Lieberman and Blanchette for organizing, assembly was outside and wonderful
 - Terry Fox Walk – September 26th, thanks to Mr. Hamilton for his organization, school raised over \$3000. Teachers participated in a toilet paper fashion show because fund raising goal was met.
 - Book Fair Success – hundreds of books donated, raised over \$5000 from the Book Fair – approximately 300 new books for the Learning Commons, thank you to the volunteers
 - Cross Country meet Thursday, October 16, 2025, students have been working hard, following District meet is on Wednesday, October 22, 2025. Approximately 100 students

will participate in the first meet. Thanks to teachers for organizing, *Gallupe, Sinclair, Martin and J. MacKay.

- Soccer Intramurals – everyday at 2nd recess, grades 4-6, stay tuned for Primary intramurals to come, thanks to Mrs. Kivistik and Mme. Elliott for organizing
- Intermediate Soccer Tournament – Thanks to teachers Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Seivright and Mr. Morrison, team won their first two games and lost their final, junior soccer will be in the spring
- Junior Sewing Project – students in Lieberman, Martin, Morrison and Elliott's classes will be participating in an experiential sewing project. They are creating a drawstring bag using sewing machines to bring to their forthcoming land-based learning days at Lemoine Point.
- Breakfast Program – Hawk's Soft Start – granted opportunity to order more food for a strong start for those students that need it. Parent volunteers are welcome for before school prep. Parents can self refer and very discrete for those that are participating.

7:00 – 7:45

Treasurer's Report

- Approve 2025/2026 Budget proposal by Finance Committee
- Money spent over the summer, bench, yard cleanup and recess toys
- Total spent last year approximately \$29,000.
- Finance committee blue printed approximately \$17,000 spending for this year. Proposed budget items are found on the next page.
- Funding of up to \$5 per student for STEAM and the arts activities increased from last year, meant for experiential learning activities and supplies
- Other funding going to Learning Commons
- Staff Appreciation – for all staff in the school
- Colour Run funding increase to \$2000
- Volleyball nets for teams to use that are easier to set up
- Trees for the school yard to be placed beside the benches were discussed, further investigation into the costs and options will occur with the Eco committee
- Motion to approve the original budget proposed during the Finance Committee meeting made by Kimberly, seconded Sara, voted and carried, no one opposed
- Finance committee will reconvene to determine where the extra \$4000 approximately before the next meeting

7:45 – 7:

Committee Updates

- Hot Lunch – Subway will add ranch sauce for subs soon, volunteers are needed each week, new volunteers are welcome – 10:30 – 11:30 Tuesday and Thursday, third day for hot lunch in discussions
- Fundraising
 - Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser closed October 15, 2025, 25 bundles of the 14-pound vegetables, 4 of the apple bundles and 4 of the donation bundles, delivery date unknown, assistance may be needed for dividing items for orders, \$410, money raised will go to food share donation
- Recess Resources - no update
- Eco Initiatives
 - Pending final budget, monies are allocated to front area clean-up, going to try and get landscaper to do work before the end of September
 - Collaboration with Frontenac Secondary School, grade 11/12 visual arts classes are offering their skills to create a mural on a board that can be placed indoor or outdoor,

we pay for supplies, students do the work on their art period, done on a board and then placed on an internal/external wall

- Staff Appreciation – Allyson has already completed the first staff appreciation, the next event will be for the festive season, potentially baked goods
- Movie Night – potential date will be the PA date in November for 2 nights

- 7:55 – 8:00 Constitution/Bylaws – want to propose a committee, create a draft of the bylaws/constitution to the next meeting and present ideas for voting in the new year. A link for those interested in participating in this committee is located below.
- 8:00 – 8:11 Milk program – sharing that if someone would like to take the lead on the Milk program and pursue the initiative. A link for those interested in participating in this committee is located below.
- 8:11 – 8:30 Discussion topics from the School Community
- If following on Facebook, there is a go-fund-me (with family permission) for a student with an illness.
 - Members must disclose if they are employed by the school board (4 people are currently employed by the board but not at Henderson specifically)
 - Clarification of the Athletic Representative roles and responsibilities – more guidance for this position will be forthcoming
 - A proposal for an Art Representative has been made – more guidance for this position will be forthcoming

Next meeting - Wednesday, November 19th, 2025

If you are interested in signing up for the by-law committee or the milk program committee here is the link:

<https://forms.gle/Gdnoefxs4VnfTEB6>

Parent members are always welcome and encouraged to attend. You are not required to seek an elected or committee lead position.

2025/2026 Budget approved

Breakfast Club		Mme Brennan	\$ 2,000.00
Foodsharing	Mable's Labels/Cobs	Mark	\$ 1,500.00
\$5 Per Student-STEAM	Spring Fling	Teachers/Mark	\$ 2,760.00
Colour Run	Spring Fling	Sara	\$ 2,000.00
Eco Committee	Hot Lunch	Natalie	\$ 1,500.00
Learning Commons	Hot Lunch	Emily A/Hilary	\$ 2,000.00
Recess Toys	Hot Lunch/Movie Night	Natalya/Mark	\$ 2,000.00
Sail for Kindergarden Yard	Hot Lunch/Front's Game	Mark	\$ 1,500.00
Staff Appreciation	Parents Night Out	Allyson	\$ 500.00
Trees	Hot Lunch		\$ 400.00
Volleyball Nets		Mark	\$ 1,000.00
Extra			
			\$ 17,160.00

Treasurer's report:



Treasurer's Report
James R. Henderson School Council
 As of October 14th 2025

Fundraising

Activity	Intent of Fundraising	Income	Expenses	Profit
Fronts Tickets		\$ 168.00		
Mabel's Labels		\$ 199.30		\$ 199.30
Movie Nights		\$ 872.28	\$ 631.23	\$ 241.05
Cobs		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Hot Lunch		\$ 9,851.19		\$ 9,851.19
Spring Fling		\$ 11,536.00	\$ 9,188.67	\$ 2,347.33
Parents Night Out	Volunteers/Yard	\$ 400.38	\$ 90.99	\$ 309.39
Young Artists- Art Fundraiser		\$ 366.37		\$ 366.37
Total		\$ 23,443.52	\$ 9,910.89	\$ 13,364.63

Budget (Approved)	Funds Raised- 23/24 Event	Council Contact	Amount	Spent	Remaining
Learning Commons		Emily A	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,760.62	\$ 239.38
Tent		Mark	\$ 1,025.84	\$ 1,025.84	\$ -
Equity Workshop	Hot Lunch	Jenna	\$ 3,420.41	\$ 3,420.41	\$ -
Field Trips/Arts	Hot Lunch		\$ 1,100.00		\$ 1,100.00
Food Sharing Project		Mark	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Jerseys/School Shirts	Spring Fling	Sara/Sue	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,284.64	\$ 1,215.36
Oasis Room		Mme. Brennan	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,367.54	\$ 632.46
Recess Toys	Hot Lunch/Movie Night	Mark/Jenna	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,408.16	\$ 591.84
Soccer Posts	Hot Lunch	Emily C	\$ 6,300.21	\$ 6,300.21	\$ -
School Spirit- Student Leadership		Mme. Brennan	\$ 500.00	\$ 96.18	\$ 403.82
Gym Class Equipment		Mme. Brennan	\$ 600.00	\$ 544.96	\$ 55.04
Money for Student Supplies	2 X Parent's Night Out	Jenna	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,384.67	\$ 1,615.33
Benches to Watch Soccer			\$ 5,300.00	\$ 4,331.58	\$ 968.42
Colour Run		Sara	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Eco Committee		Natalie	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,770.96	\$ 229.04
Staff Appreciation Event	Hot Lunch	Allyson	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 688.70	\$ 311.30
Student Volunteers	Hot Lunch	Emily C	\$ 500.00	\$ 47.43	\$ 452.57
Extra			\$ 692.83		\$ 692.83
Total			\$ 37,939.29	\$ 28,931.90	\$ 9,007.39

2025/2026 Budget (Proposed)	Funds Raised- 24/25 Event	Council Contact	Amount	Spent	Remaining
Breakfast Club		Mme Brennan	\$ 2,000.00		
Foodsharing	Mabel's Labels/Cobs	Mark	\$ 1,500.00		
\$6 Per Student- STEAM	Spring Fling	Teachers/Mark	\$ 3,312.00		
Colour Run	Spring Fling	Sara	\$ 2,000.00		
Eco Committee	Hot Lunch	Natalie	\$ 2,000.00		
Learning Commons	Hot Lunch	Emily/Jillian	\$ 4,000.00		
Recess Toys	Hot Lunch/Movie Night	Natalie/Mark	\$ 2,500.00		
Sail for Kindergarten Yard	Hot Lunch/Front's Game	Mark	\$ 1,500.00		
Staff Appreciation	Parents Night Out	Allyson	\$ 1,000.00		
Volleyball Nets		Mark	\$ 1,000.00		
Extra			\$ 472.67		
			\$ 21,284.67		

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.