



École James R. Henderson School Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

6:30–8:30 p.m.

1. Welcome (6:30–6:40)

- Land Acknowledgement
- Introductions
- Approval of minutes from January meeting

2. Administrators' Reports (6:40–7:00)

Mme. Brennan & Mme. Rode

- **Instructional & School Planning Updates**
 - Staff meetings in March and April focused on student support and development
 - Leadership Committee working on site-wide priorities and next steps
 - Literacy Committee concentrating on Oral French
 - Data Committee reviewing school-wide data
 - In-School Team (IST) meetings held every Thursday to support IEP students and Tier 1, 2, and 3 students
 - Ongoing team meetings happen throughout the year.
- **Student Learning & Assessment**
 - EQAO preparation has begun for Grades 3 and 6
- **Upcoming Events & Key Dates**

- Spring Concerts: April 14, 15, and 16
- Partners in Mission Food Drive: April 7–16
- Grade 8 Graduation & Boat Cruise: Monday, June 22
- Grade 6 Celebration of Learning: Tuesday, June 23
- **School Community Updates**
 - Valentine’s treats for staff appreciation – thank you to Council
 - Fix’N Clean (20 Queens) supporting spring garden clean-up this Saturday
 - Kindergarten registration is currently down; families encouraged to spread the word
- **Lexia Reading Program Pilot**
 - Started with Grade ½ pilot in Lloyd’s class (80 minutes/week required)
 - September: Targeted licenses for 50 students
 - January: Grade 3 pilot began, giving all Grade 3 students licences which will work until end of August 2026.
 - February: Lexia Club launched (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
 - Expansion to 50 licenses for Grade 4 and up
 - Question raised about parent access/buying licence for their own student to continue; board decision is **no** at this time

Mme. Adamson

- Pink Shirt Day mural installed at the front of the school
- Book Character Day celebrations
- Candy Grams fundraiser led by Grades 4/5 (sold thousands of bags)
- IST Popcorn fundraiser: over 200 bags sold, very well received
- Indigenous learning initiatives progressing well
- Carnival event with Bonhomme was very well received again this year.
- Junior Basketball currently underway

- Quiet Space and Art Space continue to be used
- Running Club starting soon

3. Chairs' Updates (7:00–7:15)

- Overview of School Council updates and ongoing discussions
- **PRO Grant Event: Board Game Night**
 - Date: April 30, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
 - Activities include trivia in the FCC and bingo in the gym
 - Volunteers needed
- Natalie to contact Eco Team regarding recycling support

4. Treasurer's Report (7:15–7:25)

- Financial report reviewed and approved
- Reminder for submission of receipts
- Update on new bingo-related clauses (sent via email)

5. Spring Fling – Committee Update (7:25–7:45)

- First committee meeting held and roles assigned
- Planned activities and features include:
 - Inflatables
 - Otter Creek returning
 - Pizza and candy sales
 - Bake sale in the gym
 - Games coordinated by Allyson
 - Class baskets
 - Fire truck (application submitted)
 - Possible “Minute to Win It” games

- Photo booth with Greenie
- Volunteer call-out to follow
 - Those who already expressed interest will receive an email

6. Committee & Event Updates (7:45–8:15)

- PIC
 - Exchange students are still looking for host families/LDSB is looking for more families to volunteer. There is a waiting list.
 - If you have any questions, Kimberley has hosted students and happy to share her personal experience with the program
 - PRO Grant: Info noted above.
 - Before & After School care: solutions still under review. They need to get more information.
 - Reminder that PIC Meetings remain open to the community and are offered in a hybrid format
- Hot Lunch Program
- Fundraising initiatives
- Recess Resources (formerly consumables)
- Eco initiatives
 - Queens student volunteers attending with Eco-volunteers to mulch the yard this Saturday as noted in Admin updates. There is no cost to school for student time and will be buying 100 bags of mulch from Rona.
- Finance
- Staff Appreciation
 - May 1 is a full moon (Friday) so planning something for this date for staff.

7. Discussion Topics from the School Community (8:15–8:30)

- Reminder: Parent members are always welcome and encouraged to attend Council meetings

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- **May 5:** Mexico-themed potluck for next meeting (6:30–8:30 p.m.)
- **June 16:** Final School Council meeting of the year (6:30–8:30 p.m.)