



École James R. Henderson School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 28th, 2025

6:30-8:30pm

6:36-6:40

Welcome

- Land acknowledgement - Sara
- Introductions if appropriate N/A
- Approve minutes from November – Motion to pass – Sara, Alysso seconded, passed

6:40-7:00

Administrators' Reports

- Mme. Brennan
 - Lots of things happening
 - Fundraiser for KCHC, making gift baskets for children in the hospital, through a Valentine's fundraiser sponsored by families from Henderson, parents can purchase on school day, can donate food items, students will write cards, once the fundraiser is done students get to address a card to their recipient, all students will receive a candy-gram.
 - Carnaval coming in February, tradition of French culture, parade, outdoor play, crafts, different items each
 - Spring concert dates:
 - Tuesday April 14th - Kindergarten concert
 - Wednesday April 15th - Grade 1 to 3 Spring concert
 - Thursday April 16th - Grade 4 to 8 Spring concertConcerts will take place at 2pm in our gym. As we are a large school, we have three separate days for this event. We will remind families closer to the dates.
 - EQAO data was successful, job well done by staff, IST model is helping, and all teachers are committing to student support, as well as job embedded professional learning, most areas saw increased outcomes, literacy component is completed in English, questions about how students are managing typing their answers, admin responded stating students have access to chrome books and begin prep early to prepare students
 - Staffing changes – teachers on leave
 - Ms. Sinclair – replaced by Ms. Moretti
 - Mme. Sedore replaced by Mr. Leger
 - Mme. Beaulieu replaced by Mme. Robertson
 - Kindergarten registration is open, 18 children are registered, Limestone is offering 85% French immersion
 - Acadie open house is coming up 2026-02-25 @6pm
 - Thank you for the treats before holiday break from the SAC
- Mme. Rode
 - Continue to work with learning partners, prioritizing math fluency
 - Food share changes – daily food bags are delivered, managed by older students, items are delivered to classroom, more food is being consumed
 - Site wide priorities – February Staff meeting to focus on collaborative teaching and sharing high yield instructional strategies, PA Day will focus on math
- Mme. Adamson - regrets
- Mme. Mackay

- Mural committee, many students submitted art options, they have been passed to Frontenac high school, the mural will be on large panels, Henderson students will help with painting, to be located at the front entrance
- School spirit before the holidays were lots of fun
- Inside out day! January 23, 2026 – fun for the students
- Gr. 5-8 workshop all day hosted by the Belong and Believe Club, different centres, guest speaker from Kingston, help students understand leadership, respect, and belonging
- Clubs currently going on
 - Karaoke – Monday (1-3) and (4-8)
 - Chess – Tuesdays (Gr. 3) and Thursdays (Gr. 4-8)
 - Minecraft – Wednesdays (teacher invite)
 - Quiet Space, Art Space Day 5s
- Basketball – intermediate tryouts complete, no girls team due to not enough participants, 1 boys team
 - Intramurals will begin February
 - Junior tournaments will not be running until May, practices will begin mid-late February
- Ball hockey team – coed Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (gr. 5 and up), February 3, 2026, tournament

7:00-7:15

Chairs' Updates

- Provide an overview of Council related updates or discussions
 - PRO Grant – parent involvement night for families to engage in activities, approved for board game night, fully funded, working with admin to find a date, maybe April
 - Pavillion investment – asked admin to inquire with facilities if this is a possibility to begin

7:15-7:25

Treasurer's Report – see below

- Provide overview, review and approve financial report
- Movie Night made \$166.32, good turn out
- Parents night out still waiting on final amounts
- Fresh from the Farm final amounts TBA (\$450 approx.)
- Items spent on, volleyball nets, printer, staff appreciation
- Teachers will be reminded of funding availability for STEAM

7:25-7:45

Indigenous Rep Initiative

- A seed was planted to have the SAC provide funding for culturally responsive resources, activities, guest speakers, etc
- Ideas will be submitted from educators to SAC and then budgeted for in the 2026-2027

7:45-7:55

Committee/Events Updates

- Hot Lunch – no new updates, hot lunch always canceled on bus canceled days
- Fundraising
 - Parents night out – well attended, would like to do a second looking for a date
 - Frontenacs game this year won't happen, but they will try for next year, going to try and combine with singing
 - Spring Fling – planning session will begin, email will be forthcoming
 - Yard Sale – June maybe, going to find out more details before decision is finalized
- Recess Resources (Previously Consumables) – no update
- Eco Initiatives – no update, try to do a clean up in the spring, Queen's students potential volunteer opportunity
- Finance – no update, Food share donation is pending

- Staff Appreciation – Valentine’s Day next planned activity

7:55 – 8:03 Discussion topics from the School Community

- Brought up that parents are dropping off at crosswalk and questions whether the city Bylaw can police, fines have increased for improper parking, city contact info: contactus@cityofkingston.ca

Next meeting: March 25, 2026

Parent members are always welcome and encouraged to attend.



Treasurer's Report
James R. Henderson School Council
 As of January 28th 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		\$ 3,623.04		\$ 3,623.04
Parents' Night Out		\$ 150.47	\$ 39.27	\$ 111.20
Fresh From the Farm		\$ 21.00		\$ 21.00
Total		\$ 4,549.19	\$ 395.85	\$ 4,153.34

Budget (Approved)	Funds Raised- 24/25 Event	Council Contact	Amount	Spent	Remaining
\$6 Per Student- STEAM	Spring Fling	Teachers/Mark	\$ 3,312.00		\$ 3,312.00
Breakfast Club		Mme Brennan	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
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	\$ 2,426.07	\$ 573.93
Recess Toys	Hot Lunch/Movie Night	Natalya/Mark	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
Sail for Kindergarden Yard	Hot Lunch/Front's Game	Mark	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
Staff Appreciation		Allyson	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 86.34	\$ 913.66
Trees		Allyson	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
Volleyball Nets		Mark	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Extra			\$ 272.67		\$ 272.67
Total			\$ 21,284.67	\$ 2,850.70	\$ 18,433.97

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.