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School Council Meeting
Thursday, April 23, 2026

In Attendance:

Mark Hopkins - Principal
Amanda Bennie- Teacher Representative
Suzanne Hall - Chair
Brittany Hunter - Secretary
Floriane Schroers - Treasurer
Trish Rayner – Voting Member
Joanna Seymour - Voting Member
Laden Milsome - Voting Member
Wendy Tanner - Voting Member
Jennifer Valente-Voting Member
Sarah Ewing- Voting Member

Meeting Started at 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

- Welcome
- Establish Quorum
 - Quorum met with 8

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Staff Update (Amanda Bennie)

- Busy time of year, getting ready for EQAO
- Play is in the first week of June
- Band Fest Monday- band goes to Sherwood and compete against themselves, they get some feedback with musicians, only three schools going when we attend
- Open House
- Team Photos going on this week
- Not a lot of submissions for the baskets

4. Principal's Update (Mark Hopkins)

- **Round Table**
 - Question in regards to the play, free or paid, it will be free
 - Question in regards to expenses if parent council can assist
 - Question with regards to Grade 8 commencement trip, and including the grade sevens, “branded” year-end trip, building inclusivity within the two 7/8 classes



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- **Updates**

- An Evening at MJ—Thank you I think this was a great way to use PRO grant funding to connect School Improvement Planning and provide entry points for parents/caregivers to connect with the School. Thank you to Suzanne for her leadership and all of School Council for your support
- Looking forward to Open House—Art exhibit in the Gym, French Café in the gym, Silent Auction Baskets in the library and of course connecting with parents/caregiver in the classrooms—Run from 5:00-6:30 pm on Thurs. May 14th
- Grade 7 and 8's visiting Empowerment Squared next week to better understand how this organization supports newcomers and refugees. They will also be the leaders at the French Café
- Parent Involvement Committee 2026-27—applications deadline is May 29th, 2026. PIC is an advisory body to HWDSB—need to be a parent/guardian of student in HWDSB, 2-year commitment, able to attend monthly meetings (2nd Tuesday of each month), demonstrated commitment to school and community involvement
- EQAO planning and preparation are well underway. Students in grade 3 and 6 will be completing the assessment in 4 sections (Math and Language in each session)
- Looking forward to the many activities and events in May and June

5. **Treasurer's Update (Floriane Schroers)**

- Popcorn, 644.78 for the two days together
- Total- 1945.58 current

6. **Fundraising Update**

- Krispy Kreme
 - We made 365.00 from the fundraiser
 - Extra boxes still available that parent council purchased to make up for the five extras
- Kernels
 - Once a month model works for the school currently, and works within the schools
 - Some kinks that are being worked out
- Silent Auction
 - Boxes, and wrapping paper will be provided
 - May need to buy cellophane
 - 27th is the last day, looking to extend to May 1st
 - Cash or cheque for payment is acceptable currently
 - Help needed, 3-4 people, set up baskets and hand out tickets



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- Help needed to make the baskets
- 7. **Ongoing Business**
 - PRO GRANT Update (Suzanne Hall)
 - Quite successful
 - Feedback at the end of the night, maybe better earlier in the year, although the grant decision is not done until January
 - Maybe get more information to the Grade one families during the end of year picnic
- 8. **New Business**
 - End of the Year Picnic Planning
 - 360 photo booth, have to call to check price and potentially book it
 - **Motion: To use school council funds to book the 360 Photo Booth for the year end picnic**
 - **Seconded: Trish Rayner**
 - **For: 10**
 - **MOTION CARRIED**
 - Fire truck, Trish to look into it
 - Date: June 16, 5:00-6:00
 - Brittany to look into Dippin' Dots
 - Trish to connect with Ginos for the pizza
 - Set up and Take down, any field games
 - Reach out to Wendy M. for the temporary tattoos
 - Reach out to Julie about Beaver Tails
 - Music outside
 - Principal Placement Survey
 - 3 Questions, optional
- 9. **Future Meeting Date**
 - Thursday, May 21st, 2026 @ 6:30 in the Learning Commons
- 10. **Agenda Item suggestions for next meeting**
 - Last popcorn and end of the year planning
 - Fund allocation
- 11. **Adjournment**
 - Motion: MJ School Council is to adjourn the April 2026 meeting (Suzanne Hall)
 - Seconded: Floriane Schroers
 - For: 10
 - MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 PM



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