

MEETING MINUTES

ESPS SCHOOL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Date: October 24, 2025

Time: 4:20 PM

Meeting called to order by: Tanya Ono

IN ATTENDANCE

Tanya Ono (Co-Chair), Soutana Tsitsikotas (Co-Chair), Nick Georgakopoulos (Treasurer), Melina Selimovic (Secretary), Etienne Mercieca (Principal), Remonda Ibrahim (Vice-Principal), Claudia Walker (Vice-Principal), Christine Kaziovski (Teacher Representative), Parents as per attendance sign-in sheet.

VIRTUAL: Parents and students

SCHOOL COUNCIL BYLAWS

MOTION: To approve the outlined edits to the SC bylaws.

MOTION: PASSED

ACTION ITEM: Tanya to finalize Bylaws and submit to Etienne for print to SC binder in Office and submit to the PCCEO.

ACTION ITEMS: Hold elections for fifth SC voting member at a future SC meeting. Etienne to request nominations one week prior to elections. Soutana has a preliminary list and contact information for those parent/caregiver members that have shown interest.

BUDGET AND FINANCIALS

SC Bank Account Balance as of September 3, 2025: \$10,617.57

As of October 24, 2025: \$4,686.67

- \$2,485.95 withdrawn September 9, 2025 for outdoor tables approved by 2023-2024 School Council. There are no meeting minutes to document this vote/decision.
- \$3,444.95 spent on Curriculum Night BBQ (requested \$3000) – funds made from drink and snack sales remains unaccounted.

School Council Operations budget \$873.00 – suggested uses include consumables (paper, soap, pens, markers, tape, napkins, etc.) Photocopying, food/beverages/childminding during meetings, vulnerable sector check reimbursements, food handling certification reimbursements, gas/mileage reimbursement.

November Ministry Funds (\$500) for School Councils

ACTION ITEM: Etienne to provide SC with budget request for 4 buses (Hillside x2, zoo, cross country)

SCHOOL STATEMENT OF NEEDS

ACTION ITEM: SC to review and submit updated SSON by end of November

DRAFT PARENT SURVEY

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Tanya to send draft to Helen and Linh for review.
2. Tanya to finalize survey and notify Etienne.
3. Etienne to send "request to complete survey" email to parents.

PRELIMINARY GOALS/EVENTS FOR THE YEAR

- a. Caring and Safe School Committee – Soultana to be SC representative/lead
- b. School Improvement Plan (SIP) Committee – Soultana to be SC representative/lead
- c. Staffing Committee – Soultana to be SC representative/lead
- d. Budget Committee – Soultana to be SC representative/lead
- e. School Council Innovation Grant – Tanya to lead application. Etienne suggested an event to address cyber bullying. Event suggestion Dinner & Debate Night.
- f. Programs – science, financial literacy, jungle sports gym, French Immersion support
- g. Events/Field Trips
 - a. Royal Winter Fair **ACTION ITEM:** Tanya to provide information packages
 - b. Overnight trips to French speaking parts of Canada (Quebec, Ottawa)
 - c. Staff requesting support for nine buses for Raptors 905 trip
 - d. **ACTION ITEM:** Soultana to research and contact approved pizza vendors for quotes.

FUTURE MEETINGS

1. Monday November 17, 2025 5:00pm – 6:00pm
2. Monday December 1, 2025 9:30am – 10:30am

Meeting Adjourned: 5:54 PM