

MEETING MINUTES

ESPS SCHOOL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Date: November 17, 2025

Time: 5:11 PM

Meeting called to order by: Tanya Ono

IN ATTENDANCE

Tanya Ono (Co-Chair), Sultana Tsitsikotas (Co-Chair), Nick Georgakopoulos (Treasurer), Melina Selimovic (Secretary), Etienne Mercieca (Principal), Remonda Ibrahim (Vice-Principal), Claudia Walker (Vice-Principal), Christine Kaziovski (Teacher Representative), Misha Hossain (Parent), Ophushaire Ogaga Marie (Parent).

VIRTUAL: Vanitha Mahadeva, Costa T, Linh P, MS, Meena, Anju Imtiaz, James, Tommy, Khyati Sura, Samaira, Helen Giagas, Praveena Simonpillai, Maricar, and J. Salvador.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 24, 2025

MOTION: APPROVED

BUDGET AND FINANCIALS

SC Bank Account Balance as of November 17, 2025: \$3,595.67

November Pizza Profit (less **\$2385.42** allocated for buses)

- Hillside Holowka/George- \$577.20
- Hillside Vatzolas/Tonnos – \$577.20
- Cross Country – Soltesz- \$653.82
- Toronto Zoo- Bacara/Djenebou- \$577.20
- Balance of November pizza profits are for Raptors 905 buses (do not have total cost yet).

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: Sultana to use SC Operations Budget to order supplies to run pizza lunches.

SCHOOL STATEMENT OF NEEDS

ACTION ITEM: Tanya sent our current SSON and another example to SC Execs October 25, 2025

ACTION ITEM: SC to review and submit updated SSON by end of November – DO NOT COPY AND PASTE FROM LAST YEAR.

DRAFT PARENT SURVEY

Review of results will result in SC goals for the year. Next year include the following:

- Whether the student is in the French Immersion or English program
- Student's current grade
- An option for N/A in case the survey question does not apply

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
 - a. Budget is publicly available online on the TDSB website.
 - b. Each teacher is allocated \$100 plus \$25 per student for classroom resources through approved vendor catalogues.
 - c. \$10,000 allocated for the library.
 - d. SC can top up certain line items within the budget.
- e. Fifth School Council Voting Member Election – Monday December 1, 2025 9:30 AM
Concern that nominated folks will not be able to attend meeting.
- f. SC Supported Programs proposed until February – support getting pen-to-paper exercises back into the classroom, science (Scientists in the Classroom has not responded/Mad Science/Brickworks), jungle sports gym, decorations for Winter concert.
ACTION ITEM: Etienne to determine if SC can purchase workbooks (not textbooks)
- g. Events/Field Trips
 - a. Royal Winter Fair – no-go.
 - b. Nine buses for Raptors 905 trip.
 - c. Ski and skate trips.
 - d. Food/snacks for traveling athletes.

PIZZA LUNCHES

- Pizza Nova is not an approved vendor, as of December Pizza Pizza will be supplying pizza lunches
- December, Pizza Pizza will cut the pizza into larger square slices
- January, pizza will be provided as larger triangle-shaped slices – pricing of pizza will remain the same due to price negotiations. Fundraising is expected to drop a little.

FUTURE MEETINGS

1. Monday December 1, 2025 9:30am – 10:30am

Meeting Adjourned: 6:50 PM