

## **Sunnylea Junior School Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

**Voting Member Attendees:** Loriann Halliday, Alex Smith, Julie Boeckmann-Milton, Anna Maxfield, Melissa McCready, Jenni Sirenko, Samantha Wilson, Hajni Bowers, Erin Trout, Diana Alviani, Somayeh Sadat, Nirre Pinto

**Non-Voting Attendees:** None

**Voting Members Absent:** Sophie Connor, Raveen Kalra, Nafis Kamaree, Kate Mathany, Leisha Vanderkooy, Danielle Nichol, Christine Howe, Joanna Downs, Darren Berger, Misia Machnowski

**Staff Attendees:** Bev Tratnik, Val Fordyce

**Meeting Start Time:** 6:33 pm

**Meeting End Time:** 7:45 pm

**Minutes:**

### **Land Acknowledgment & Approval of Minutes/Agenda**

*We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples.*

- Motion to Approve February 2026 minutes Samantha Wilson - 1st, Jenni Sirenko - 2nd. All vote to approve.
- Motion to Approve April 2026 agenda Diana Alviani - 1st, Somayeh Sada - 2nd. All vote to approve.

## **1. Staff Update**

### **EQAO**

- The 2025 EQAO results were released in January. All 30 eligible Grade 3 students completed the assessment.
- Results exceeded both TDSB and provincial averages:
  - Reading: 96.7% at or above provincial standard
    - TDSB: 71%
    - Province: 74%
  - Writing: 90% at or above provincial standard
    - TDSB: 62%
    - Province: 64%
  - Mathematics: 100% at or above provincial standard
    - TDSB: 61%

- Province: 63%
- Staff noted provincial concern regarding lower Grade 6 and Grade 9 EQAO performance and ongoing review of learning gaps between Grade 3–6 and Grade 6–9.
- Student questionnaire results included:
  - 75% agreed they have good relationships with other students
  - 67.9% agreed they have good relationships with teachers
  - 60% reported feeling they belong at school
  - 82% agreed they could speak to an adult at school
  - 89% agreed people can improve at math
- Staff discussed continued classroom community-building efforts and suggested revisiting belonging data with the current Grade 4 cohort.
- Grade 3 EQAO practice testing is scheduled for May 29, with official testing June 2–4.

### **Volunteer Appreciation**

- Volunteer Appreciation is planned for May 27.
- Parent Engagement funding may be used to support the event.

### **Welcome to Kindergarten**

- Welcome to Kindergarten is scheduled for May 14.
- Parent Council will host an information table for incoming families.

### **Sprout Circus Program**

- The school is planning a two-day Indigenous and environmental learning program focused on gardening and nature education.
- Parent Council may be asked to fund metal planters and part of the program cost.
- Summer maintenance and watering plans will need to be considered.
- Estimated cost: \$4,393.44.

### **Athletics & Student Activities**

- Track & Field events are scheduled for May 22, June 3, and June 9.
- Spring sports will begin in May.
- The Grade 5 babysitting course is scheduled for May 25, 26, and 28, with strong participation.
- Grade 4 students are expected to participate in the Swim to Survive program in June.
- Jump Rope for Heart has been rescheduled to May 15.

### **Approved Expenditures**

The following expenditures were approved:

- Mad Science payments

- Bus transportation costs
- AED Machine: \$1,929.95
- Classroom “Fidget Game” purchase: \$72.37
- Sprout Circus program funding: \$4,393.44

## **2. Treasurer’s Report**

- There was limited financial movement since the previous meeting.
- Bank balance decreased by approximately \$3,000 since February, including:
  - Two pizza lunch payments totaling \$1,636
  - Five Mad Science payments totaling \$1,445
- A deposit of \$915 was received for late pizza orders.
- Outstanding commitments and pending transactions were reviewed.

## **3. Fundraising Update**

### **Completed Fundraisers**

- Purdy’s fundraiser raised \$1,080.40.
- Spirit Wear rebate due: \$216.49.

### **Dance-A-Thon**

- Fundraising totals exceeded \$5,500 to date through online donations and envelopes returned.
- Prize baskets, loot bags, and sponsor support were secured.
- Sponsorship support totaled \$2,750, including contributions from Paul Nuske and Casual Affairs.
- Event planning and class scheduling are underway.

### **Spring Social & Upcoming Initiatives**

- Spring Social confirmed for May 6 at Heron.
- Silent auction items will be reserved for a future standalone fundraiser.
- A new Spirit Wear release is planned for Welcome to Kindergarten.
- A bake sale will be added to the Art Show.

## **4. Next Meeting**

- Next Parent Council meeting: May 20.