

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

### **Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

**Voting Member Attendees:** Loriann Halliday, Alex Smith, Julie Boeckmann-Milton, Anna Maxfield, Melissa McCready, Jenni Sirenko, Christine Howe, Samantha Wilson, Hajni Bowers, Joanna Downs, Nirre Pinto, Darren Berger, Somayeh Sadat, Misia Machnowski,

**Non-Voting Attendees:** None

**Voting Members Absent:** Sophie Connor, Raveen Kalra, Nafis Kamaree, Kate Mathany, Leisha Vanderkooy, Erin Trout, Diana Alviani, Danielle Nichol

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

**Meeting Start Time:** 6:35 pm

**Meeting End Time:** 7:48 pm

*Note: Meeting held via Microsoft Teams.*

### **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 January 2026 minutes Julie Boeckmann-Milton - 1st, Jenni Sirenko - 2nd. All vote to approve.
- Motion to Approve February 2026 agenda Alex Smith - 1st, Joanna Downs - 2nd. All vote to approve.

### **1. Staff Update**

#### *Superintendent Visit & School Improvement*

- Superintendent visited and reviewed the School Improvement Board.
- Positive feedback on consistent updates and alignment with the school improvement plan.
- Highlighted Sunnylea's "small steps leading to big improvements" approach with other schools.
- Students are performing very well academically (EQAO, report cards, overall progress).

### *Mabin/Brown Public School Visit*

- Val and Bev attended an open house at Mabin/Brown (private school in partnership with TDSB).
- Visit validated many of Sunnylea's practices.
- Observed strong focus on:
  - Phonics (UFLI) and "science of math."
  - Fact fluency and mental math.
  - Emphasis on problem-solving process over final answers.
  - Timed math drills focused on personal growth, not competition.
- Key takeaway: effective instruction using simple, largely free resources.
- Noted they have significantly more staffing.

### *BMS (Behaviour Management Strategies) Training*

- Focused on de-escalation and proactive support for students.
- Six staff members will be trained as of this week.
- Considered sufficient coverage for a school of this size.

### *Visiting Educators (Brazil)*

- Administrators and teachers visiting Friday (10 a.m.–12 p.m.).
- Overview presentation, classroom visits, and Q&A planned.

### *Nutrition / Snack Program*

- No update on funding.
- Would require fridge and sink installation.
- Council discussed possibly surveying families to assess need before proceeding.

### *Art in Action*

- Program has been very successful; some students remain on a waitlist.
- Discussion about running a spring session and prioritizing waitlisted students.

### *Upcoming Dates*

- Ed Roldan presentation (Supporting Relationships & Building Resilience): tomorrow at 7 p.m.
- Kindergarten Open House: May 14 (after school). Council members encouraged to attend.
- Tentative Grade 5 Graduation: Friday, June 19 (confirmation pending).

## 2. School Activities & Events

### *Olympic Spirit*

- Opening ceremony held; each class represented a country.
- Daily announcements highlighting Canadian Olympians.
- Medal count display has generated strong student engagement.
- Closing ceremony to introduce the Paralympics.

### *Extra-Curriculars*

- Choir
- Chess Club (board and computer-based learning)
- Origami
- Volleyball (tournament Monday)
- Friendship Club

### *Field Trips & Programs*

- Whole school attending TSO next week.
- Grade 1/2 classes attending YPT (Munsch and More).
- Annual School Bus Safety program completed (interactive assemblies).

## 3. Treasurer's Report

- Bank Balance (end of January): **\$49,317**
- Available Funds after commitments: **\$31,559**
- Recent expenses: pizza lunch payments, Lice Squad, dry erase boards.
- AED purchase (approved up to \$2,500): awaiting quote update.

## 4. Fundraising Update

### *Purdy's*

- 3 sales to date; \$40 raised.
- Deadline: March 13.
- Delivery: April 1.

### *Spirit Wear*

- Low traction through current vendor.
- Alternative approach via School Cash Online may improve margins and engagement.
- Misia has several designs we can run through a different vendor as larger runs.

### *Spring Fair / Fundraising Strategy*

- Limited volunteer interest (3 responses).
- Decision: Take a break from Fun Fair this year.
- Jenni to follow up with interested parents and discuss other options.

### *Alternative fundraising ideas discussed:*

- Spring Fling (parent social + silent auction) – potential ~\$4K revenue.
- Dance-a-thon.
- Movie Night.
- Spirit Wear event.
- Art Open House (to proceed again this year, potentially incorporating choir/dance performances). Align something to this.

Note: No alcohol sales or 50/50 draw permitted.

### **5. PIAC Conference Update (Alex)**

- Conference organization was limited; materials have been posted online.
- Raised questions regarding:
  - End-of-year reporting.
  - Use of \$500 Parent Engagement Fund.
- Executive team to review and bring recommendations to next meeting.

### **Action Items**

- **Bev:** Present EQAO overview at next meeting.
- **Jenni:** Contact potential Spring Fair lead.
- **Alex:** Bring forward proposal for \$500 Parent Engagement Fund.