

Sunnylea Junior School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Voting Member Attendees: Loriann Halliday, Alex Smith, Julie Boeckmann-Milton, Erin Trout, Anna Maxfield, Melissa McCready, Jenni Sirenko, Christine Howe, Diana Alviani, Samantha Wilson, Hajni Bowers, Danielle Nichol, Joanna Downs, Nirre Pinto, Darren Berger, Somayeh Sadat,

Non-Voting Attendees: None

Voting Members Absent: Sophie Connor, Raveen Kalra, Misia Machnowski, Nafis Kamaree, Kate Mathany, Leisha Vanderkooy,

Staff Attendees: Bev Tratnik, Christina Alviani, Matt Davidson

Meeting Start Time: 6:36 pm

Meeting End Time: 7:48 pm

Note: Meeting held via Google Meet.

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 November 2025 minutes Samantha Wilson - 1st, Jenni Sirenko - 2nd. All vote to approve.
- Motion to Approve January 2026 agenda Julie Boeckmann-Milton - 1st, Darren Berger - 2nd. All vote to approve.

1. Staff Update

- City of T.O. Nutrition Program
 - Program is now **mandatory for all schools**, regardless of need.
 - Sunnylea is a **Phase 4 school**; potential start **September**, pending funding.
 - Application must be completed by Bev; program referred to as a *morning meal*.
 - Concerns raised about logistics, food waste, equity, storage (industrial fridge), and volunteer workload.
 - Council to **consider how the program could be organized** within required terminology and revisit next meeting.

- Dr. Ed Roldan Presentations with LKS
 - **Feb 19:** Supporting young children with peer relationships and resilience.
 - **Mar 31 (LKS):** Screen time and safe online relationships.
 - Sessions are free and open to Sunnylea and LKS families.
- Spiritwear Sale
 - Spiritwear sale to be promoted with deadlines to drive participation.
 - Funds will support updates to school sports shirts.
- Upcoming Events
 - **Jan 23:** Sports Jersey Day
 - **Feb 2:** Parent-teacher interview booking opens (8:30 a.m.)
 - **Feb 12–13:** Parent-teacher interviews
 - **Feb 13:** PA Day
 - **Feb 16:** Family Day
 - **Grade 4 Salmon Program:** Field trip to Albion Hills for fish release.
 - **Winter Olympics Celebration:** Staff-led activities in planning.
 - **Current Lunch Clubs:** Friendship, Crochet, Choir (Gr. 1–5), Chess.
 - **Sports:** Girls volleyball (ending Feb), boys basketball (Grades 4–5 as needed).
- Monetary Requests
 - Consider a full or partial funding of an AED device. They average \$1,900-\$2,400. Waiting to hear back from TDSB contact on exact price.
 - Bev: Sprout Circus - they come into the school and every student K-5 would rotate through 4 stations lasting about 40 mins. The cost is \$16 per student. For the whole school, it is \$4,393.

3. Treasurer's Report – Joanna Downs

- \$52,083.67 opening balance - as of December 31st
- Mainly driven by fundraising that deposited in December
- Net increase of \$2,100 last month
- Available funds is \$31,560 due to pending commitments

Funding Requests (Approved)

- AED (defibrillator) purchase: Up to \$2,500 (including children's pads).
- Sprout Circus: \$4,393 for whole-school experiential program.
- Total approved: \$6,893
- Motion: Loriann | Seconded: Joanna | All in favour

4. Fundraising - Jenni Sirenko

- Fun Fair: No current lead; alternative options being explored.
 - Dance-a-thon

- Partnered fun fair with neighboring school(s)
- Scale-down to a picnic
- Try multiple smaller events vs. one big one
- Recent results:
 - Wreaths: \$1,100
 - Gingerbread houses: \$700
 - Book Fair: \$9,000 sales / \$2,200 cash
- Upcoming/ongoing fundraisers: Purdy's Easter Chocolates, Kernel's Popcorn, Terracotta Cookie Dough.

5. Closing

- Council recruitment to continue, with outreach planned to new families at Open House.

Action Items

- Alex to research **WSIB grant/rebate** for AED.
- Bev to send an additional email seeking **Fun Fair Chair volunteer(s)**.