

Sunnylea Junior School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Voting Member Attendees: Loriann Halliday, Alex Smith, Julie Boeckmann-Milton, Leisha Vanderkooy, Erin Trout, Anna Maxfield, Melissa McCready, Jenni Sirenko, Christine Howe, Diana Alviani, Samantha Wilson, Hajni Bowers,

Non-Voting Attendees: Michelle Science (SickKids)

Voting Members Absent: Joanna Downs, Somayeh Sadat, Nirre Pinto, Sophie Connor, Danielle Nichol, Raveen Kalra, Misia Machnowski, Darren Berger, Nafis Kamaree, Kate Mathany

Staff Attendees: Bev Tratnik, Val Fordyce, Christina Alviani

Meeting Start Time: 6:31 pm

Meeting End Time: 7:40 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 October 2025 minutes Leisha - 1st, Anna Maxfield - 2nd. All vote to approve.
- Motion to Approve November 2025 agenda Christine Howe - 1st, Julie Boeckmann-Milton - 2nd. All vote to approve.

1. SickKids Saliva Testing Program

- The SickKids saliva-testing program continues, now covering multiple respiratory illnesses.
- Kits are available at the school entrance for students and families; results are typically returned within 24–48 hours and shared through MyChart.
- Participation supports research on how infections spread in households and classrooms. Incentives are offered, and a Student Ambassador program is available for older students.

2. Staff Update

- Grade 3 students participated in Common Compass self-regulation workshops; more wellness programming planned by the staff later in the year.

- Ms. Mughal has now joined as the temp. special needs assistant since Ms. MacDonald has gone and had her baby.
- A School Improvement bulletin board will soon display key goals aligned with TDSB priorities. Equity, Belonging, Thriving, Achievement, Revitalizing - these are the themes.
- School budget for the year is \$38,902 and supports supply teachers, technology, classroom resources, and teacher training.
- Save the date for December 9: Family Holiday Open House with an outdoor singalong.
- Suggestion to plan fundraising communications earlier next year so they are evenly spread out. This time of year always has a lot of asks of families.
- Winter sports tryouts beginning (Girls' Basketball, Boys' Volleyball)
- Vaccination record reminders sent home
- Choir launched with strong student interest - had to split into primary and junior groups
- Pajama Day Friday
- Admin hub meeting next week - we are paired up with Norseman, Parklawn, Castlebar and Etienne Brule for administrative development and program idea sharing

Funding Requests (Approved)

- Walkie-talkies: \$585
- Common Compass student workshops: \$1,500
- Classroom whiteboards: \$271.20
- Total: \$2,356.20
- Motion: Leisha • Seconded: Jenni • Vote: All in favour

Action Items

- Bev to confirm needs for updated yellow team shirts/jerseys. Potential funding by council.
- Clubs and activities to be highlighted in upcoming newsletters so parents are aware of offerings and can engage with children about them.

3. Treasurer's Report – Christine Howe

- \$36,140.84 opening balance
- Net receipts of \$20,256.06
- \$56,396.90 bank balance (end of Oct)
- Available funds is \$33,105.65
- In a healthy position overall, we can help the school with the needs

4. Fundraising - Jenni Sirenko

- Wreath sale completed; pickup December 5.
- Gingerbread kits currently on sale.
- Parent Social fundraiser raised approximately \$4,100.
- Fresh From the Farm delivery scheduled for November 27.

- Book Fair volunteer sign-up open; event in early December.
Fun Fair planning requires a lead to be identified in January.

5. Closing

- Thank-you note received from Etienne Brule school for last year's donation.
- No December meeting.
- Next meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 (virtual)

