



Centennial Public School Advisory Council Minutes

Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at Centennial Public School

Executive Members:

Laura Gillam (Chair), Christina Helmer (Co-Chair), Adam Jeziorski (Treasurer), Emma Barken (Secretary), Rena Petrick (PIC Representative)

Members at Large: Terri Macdonald, Nicole Pitts, Virginia Venditti

Present: Deb Thompson, Laura Gillam, Christina Helmer, Virginia Venditti, Chris Shaw, Terri Macdonald, Janine Chown

Regrets: Adam Jeziorski, Emma Barken, Rachael Klinoski

1. Call to Order at 6:35 pm
2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the April 7, 2025, meeting minutes.

1. Christina Helmer
2. Terri Macdonald
3. Information/Standing Items
 - 3.1 Introductions: None required
 - 3.2 Principal's Update:
 - In the midst of projections for next year. It is anticipated we will have 14 classrooms and not have to lose any staff. We had 15 classrooms this year. 14 classrooms provide some options/flexibility in use of space, including "cabins" (portables).
 - Kindergarten registration is open. So far there are limited registrations (only 8 students)

- Requests regarding specific class placement will be accepted until the beginning of June.
- The window for Gr 3 and Gr 6 EQAO testing is early May to mid June. The testing environment is much more comfortable than in previous years.
- Anticipated construction during summer: New boiler, new paving, new stairs off the kinder area exit
- New automated crosswalk on Johnson Street. Therefore, the gate to the school yard on Johnson (at the old street crossing) will be closed off and gate access will be open close to the new crossing.

3.3. Teacher Representative and Support Staff Update: No update

3.4. Trustee Update (as necessary): No update

3.5 PIC Information and Update:

- PIC and LDSB are planning a Human Trafficking education event in the near future. No date yet.
- On May 22, 2025, at the PIC meeting there will be an AI event/info session. Options are in person, or online.
- PIC is working to increase engagement. Brainstorming and reviewing how to increase engagement. A survey will be coming, and it is encouraged we all complete it.

3.6. Correspondence: Deborah advised that a family in the neighbourhood has kindly donated two tickets to the Fringe Festival for our silent auction.

3.7. Budget Update:

- Balance of \$ 5047.36
- Funds raised from bottle drive were \$267.65
- We received \$900.00 in grant money, which we used on our Family Activity Night. We did spend approximately \$60.00 more than initially budgeted.
- Discussion surrounding funds and infrastructure, including such items as lights, surveillance cameras, upgrading of windows, etc. There are numerous rules regarding contractor attendance and what infrastructure projects can be upgraded at once. We will continue to plan for upgrades.

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Fun Fair/Family BBQ

- Terri was able to source inflatables through newer company – Blown Up. Cost is approximately \$300.00 for 5 hours. There is an additional \$75.00 fee if we want the company to provide a staff member to oversee the activity. We agreed that yes, we would pay the additional cost.
- Deborah will create a google doc for staff volunteers to assist
- The table and chairs have been reserved, but due to another LDSB function, will not arrive until late afternoon, or even after school.
- Christina did purchase a big Connect 4 game from Costco, with related cost of \$104.00
- Additional expenses anticipated include lollipops, stuffed animals (prizes) and treasure hunt prizes
- **Motion to approve spending up to \$500.00 for inflatables and up to \$500.00 on other known costs**

1. Janine Chown

2. Chris Shaw

- Terri emailed company to reserve the sports inflatable
- Kona Ice – have confirmed attendance. They manage and sell their product and provide the school 20%
- There will be both free activities as well as some activities that attendees need to pay for
- Terri will follow up with BGC, YMCA and library
- Emma has confirmed she is agreeable to facilitate the big bubbles again this year
- Deborah has agreed to be the “wet sponge” target.
- Chris will investigate attendance of LCVI mascot
- Christina will investigate attendance of Barrack the Bear mascot
- Photo booth – will ask Polson if we can borrow theirs for this event
- Agreement to invite the new kinder families to this event

4.2 Button Maker

- We broke the button maker we had borrowed for Family Creativity Night. The owner has indicated we do not need to replace it, but council may choose to consider purchasing one of our own. Button making was an extremely popular event during the Family Creativity Night.

4.3 Accessible Playground

- Rachel Doornekamp (Kids Inclusive) and Matt Aylsworth (LDSB) are attending Centennial on May 22, 2025, to meet with Deborah to initiate discussions about converting/adding accessible structures to our yard
- Deborah will meet with Rachel and Matt, and then facilities re: tarmac construction in early June. We can then consider recommendations and associated costs when we review fundraising events going forward.
- One suggestion the group provided was shorter basketball nets
- The school has purchased more activities for students (e.g., chalk, scoops) for school needs/outdoor consumables

4.4 Discover Kindergarten

- New kinder registrations are invited to the school for a meet/greet
- They also get to ride on a school bus
- SAC to author a one page/flyer to include with the students' welcome bags. Send flyer to Deborah

4.5 Year End Kindergarten and Grade 6 Celebrations

- **Terri made motion for council to purchase the cakes for Kindergarten and Grade 6 celebrations, up to \$200.00**

1. Terri Macdonald
2. Virginia Venditti

- The school will provide water

4.6 Thank You/Staff Appreciation

- Council would like to show staff our appreciation of their hard work and dedication this year. We will provide some snacks/treats
- June 12th is selected date and treats will be available for morning break
- Terri will request coffee and hopefully cold drinks through McDonald's donation
- Christina and Laura will make snacks

4.7 Kingston Frontenacs Fundraising

- We have the opportunity to fundraise through Kingston Frontenacs via Hockey Nights

- There is also an option of some students performing the national anthem prior to the game.
- We receive a link to share for ticket purchases. 50 tickets sold will yield a return of \$2 each to the school. 100 tickets sold yields a return of \$4 each to the school
- Other specific fundraising avenues at the game; “Chuck a Puck” and a signed jersey to raffle.
- Following discussion, council agrees with this fundraising event

4.8 By Laws

- Suggested amendments include addition of one Indigenous Family Representative (under membership), expansion of pronouns throughout the document and review the wording under Election Proceedings, specifically, section C.
- We will need to make amendments, and complete another review of by laws

6 Adjournment at 8:32 pm

*Minutes recorded by J. Chown