

SAC Meeting Minutes

13 March 2026 / 6:30 PM

ATTENDEES

Elected Members: In person: Richelle Wheeler, Glenn Kremp, Shannon Howanyk, Benn Brisland, Ashley O'Rourke, Lynsey K., Cory Megitt, Kayla Nugent, Megan Evans, Robynne McKinley, Sam Stermac, Alyssa Lioutas, Lisa McGran

Parent Representatives: Lisa Giuliani, Sarah Turnbull, Kelsey Clifford, Jess Wood, Karagh Markovski, Alex Dunn, Beth Miller, Emily Kritzer

Teachers/Admin: Angeline Faraone, Karen Secher

Regrets: Natalie DaSilva, Nick Harman

AGENDA

6:30 Welcome and Introduction - Richelle Wheeler

6:31 Review of Minutes - Shannon Howanyk

6:34 Chair Updates - Richelle Wheeler

- A new hot lunch provider Lunch Pails was supposed to come to the meeting but didn't show up.
 - Kids Kitchen is getting mixed reviews and the pancakes from Pancake day were not good.
 - The issue is due to PPM 150 there are strict guidelines for healthy food that impact the taste. This is an issue that impact all vendors
- Amend Bylaws Motion
 - The goal is to update the bylaws to strengthen council's accountability and align TDSB guidelines
 - They are amendable.

- Current bylaws out of date
- Richelle brought the new bylaws forward and Glenn seconded the motion.
- Voting member vote: 13 in favour. 0 Opposed.
- Bylaws updated
- Websites to be updated
- SAC Activities
 - Volleyball night was a big success. Team Winners were the winners. Lots fun.
 - \$38.33 profit
 - Subway ordering was difficult
 - Possible second volleyball night in April
 - Pancake Tuesday was a success - Profit \$460
 - Downside teachers have to distribute. There are possible solutions in the future to ease the administrative burden
 - Movie Night success \$214.34 profit
 - Dance party on the stage after - cutest part.
 - Thank you to Ms. Secher

6:45 Treasurer Updates - Natalie Da Silva

- Status - on budget
 - SAC is raising and spending money
 - Projected balance is about \$7K at year end with current spending commitments

6:47 Pizza Updates - Shannon Howanyk

- Numbers are up this year. Averaging 350 kids a lunch compared to 300 last year.
- Spring Ordering is open for parents .

6:50 Wellness Night - Sam

- April 8th from 6-8pm experts from local business will have booths for parents to drop in and get to talk to experts in wellness and AI.
- Communication will be going out this week
- This was part of a grant that we applied to in response to our survey last year where the community asked for more events for parents

6:53 Read-a-thon- Shannon Howanyk

- A parent wanted to start an new initiative, a read-a-thon
- Shannon to work with the parent to bring it to life
- More to come but goal will be to raise \$4K for library shelving (10K budgeted and cost 14K)

6:55 Family Update - Kayla Nugent

- All the charity work
- Thank you for community for the support after the passing of her mom

7:00 Fun Fair - Alyssa Lioutas.

- ACTION: Sponsorship Lead Needed
 - In the past we asked local business to sponsor \$500 for signages
 - Open to Corporate Sponsorship or other sponsorship ideas
- Volunteers sign up now
- Inflatables and DJ Mike are, booked

7:05 Sports Update- Miss Secher

- Skate day a big success
- Track dates for grades 4-8: May 11th, conference final June 3, City Champions June 9th. All at Birchmount stadium.
- There will be a primary play day in June.
- Co-ed Volleyball $\frac{5}{8}$ and $\frac{7}{8}$ after March Break
- Badminton team in spring
- Ultimate Frisbee and Baseball coming later spring

- Sr. Girls volleyball made it to the Semis and lost in a very close game.

7:10 - Admin Update - Angi Faraone

- First ever Iftar dinner (75 people)
 - Superintendent showed up
 - A lot of newcomers don't have a lot of family here and it was a big fun event.
 - Kalima big thank you for organizing!
- Skate was a huge success and a lot of work - Thank you to the parents.
- VSC
 - A lot of parents VSC to volunteer to at Skate Day
 - Previous TDSB allowed principal discretion to not allow it.
 - Now TDSB is requiring it for all parents.
- Driving
 - Reminder there are lots of children and other adults. And be respectful of their actions and language. Appropriate behaviour applies to children and parents on the school yard.
 - 41 Division Patrolling more regularly
 - Ticketing happening at Freeman and Birch Cliff on the new stop sign
 - Community Officer coming to Fun Fair
 - Parthi (councillor) has been contacted by a parent regarding driving safety.
 - Teachers are not allowed to direct traffic or help of school property
 - Concerned parents to contact Parthi regarding a solution of one way. One potential challenge is the emergency route.
 - Cameras are a 3 year wait. Cost to school is 3K per camera from school budget.
 - Concerned parents can contact TDSB supervisor
 - Angi to contact John at Facilities to expedite
 - Mirrors installed for safety.
- Library Shelving is being redone. Cost is 14k.

- Playground Starting in summer expected completion November 2026
- New bathroom stalls installed for taller student to have more privacy
- Popcorn sales used for Chromebooks. - 50 Chromebooks for grade 3 and 6
 - \$400 a week
 - 50 have been delivered and used for carts in grades 3-6
- Math Priority School
 - Have access to Knowledge Hook
 - Grade 3 and 6 need Chromebook for EQAO testing
 - Teachers engaging in Math PD
 - Piloting TDSB 100 min uninterrupted literacy block 40 minute nutrition, 100 min, 40 nutrition, 100 literacy September
 - 8:50 - 3:10
 - More to come Comm and Survey to come out next month
 - How it benefits families and kids. Structured literacy block has more intentionality and better child outcomes
- Projected to grow (kindie registration up)
- In April email will go out regarding staffing and preferences for
- Hot Chocolate not today - instead Friday treat with St. Patrick cookie and Hot Chocolate
- Holiday decoration up, Passover celebration April, Easter and Lent, Ramadan decor. We can be different and all be together.

7:50 Prudy's Update - Robynne

- Less volume than last year.
- \$2,650.50 in sales and a profit 662.62

Open Forum

- Question: JungleSport this year? Not this year.
- Grad update theme? Mme. Smedley called a meeting with teachers
- More to Come on Parent Social

8:03 Meeting Adjourned

ACTION ITEMS

- Cory and Angi to update the bylaws on the websites.
- Alyssa is needing a Sponsorship lead for the Fun Fair
- Angi to contact John at Facilities to expedite the camera request
- Angi to communicate new learning block timing to parents. Ask from parents is to include how it benefits families and kids.
- Angi to update council in May on the instructional time blocks
- Angi to update council on May regarding projected enrolment and staffing for 2026-2027