

# SAC Meeting Minutes

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**20 MAY 2026 / 6:30 PM**

## ATTENDEES

**Elected Members:** Attendees: Glenn Kremp, Shannon Howanyk, Lynsey K., Natalie Da Silva, Alyssa Lioutas, Megan Evans, Robynne McKinlay, Kayla Nugent, Samantha Stermac; Virtually: Cory Megitt, Ashley O'Rourke

**Parent Members:** Lisa Giuliani, Alex Dunn, Jess Wood, Saleema Osani; Virtually: Jennifer, Sean, Ainsley Gibson, Nicole, Magdalena Morais, Yisu L, Michelle, Jennifer F., Alyssa, Beth Miller, Sean, R Magee

**Teacher/Admin Representatives** Karen Secher, Michelle Lipp, Angi Faraone.

**Regrets:** Richelle Wheeler, Nick Harman, Lisa McGran, Benn Brisland

## **6:30 Welcome and Intro - Glenn Kremp (co-chair)**

## **6:35 Lunch Pails - Shelley (vendor)**

- Lunch Pails provide lunches for parents to buy and deliver them to the school packed and labeled
  - They all meet the ministry nutrition requirements (PPM 150)
  - Menu was shared
  - They provide different size options
  - Allow for dietary restrictions and allergies
  - Hot and cold options
  - No parent volunteers needed
  - 5% of sales goes back to SAC
  - Offer an angel program (up to 5 kids) where their lunch is provided for free
  - Halal and Gluten Free options available
  - They are a nut free facility
  - Samples provided and both parents and kids enjoyed them.

## 6:54 Chair Update Glenn Kremp (co-chair)

- Discussed ongoing challenges facing Ontario public education, including:
  - Larger class sizes
  - Reduced special education supports
  - Staffing shortages
  - Student mental health concerns
  - Aging school infrastructure
  - Funding pressures affecting programs and extracurricular activities
- Reviewed community concerns regarding proposed developments near Birch Cliff Public School, including potential impacts on:
  - Student safety
  - Traffic congestion
  - School overcrowding
  - Shadowing of outdoor play areas
  - Preservation of community space and neighbourhood character
- Noted that the Toronto District School Board has previously participated in proceedings related to nearby development proposals due to concerns about impacts on Birch Cliff Public School and its outdoor spaces.
  - Toronto Lands Corporation development information: Proposed Development at 1615–1641 Kingston Rd & 50–52 Birchcliff Ave
- Discussed concerns regarding the future use of public school lands and the importance of transparency when development decisions may affect schools, student safety, capacity, or community planning.
- Emphasized that schools are important community hubs and should remain focused on supporting students and families.
- Highlighted the importance of parent engagement and advocacy through:
  - Attending public consultations
  - Contacting trustees and elected officials
  - Participating in decision-making processes
  - Raising concerns related to education and community planning
- Shared key organizations and resources where parents can seek information or raise concerns:
  - Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
  - Local School Trustee
  - Ontario Ministry of Education
  - City of Toronto Planning & Development
  - Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)
  - Save Birch Cliff Village Community Advocacy Group
- Concluded by reinforcing the importance of keeping student well-being, safety, and educational success at the center of all education and community planning decisions.
- Encouraged continued parent involvement to help build a strong, informed, and connected Birch Cliff school community.

### **7:04 Treasurer Update - Natalie Da Silva**

- Budget is on track
- Forecasting a 6K rollover for next year
  - In June's meeting we will review the forecast for the 2026-2027 school year
- Vote: Hurdles for track.
  - 11 yes, 0 no. Approved

### **7:10 Minute Review - Shannon Howanyk**

- March's minutes reviewed

### **7:12 Wellness Night - Samantha Stermac**

- Lots of vendors but not a lot of community engagement
- Folks who attended enjoyed it
- This event idea came from the voice of the parent survey last year and applied for funding through an innovation grant.

### **7:14 Team Pizza - Robynne McKinlay**

- Still lots of participation
- Final pizza day being moved to June 17 to accommodate the kindie grad and a grade 4-8 field trip.

### **7:18 Fun Fair - Alyssa Lioutas**

- \$6600 in sponsorship (\$1700 more than last year)
- Volunteer recruitment going well
  - There is a need for facepainters
- Added a photobooth this year
- Added kiddie corner year
- Currently at \$1,180 in presales
- Silent Auction has \$12K in value in items

### **7:22 Teacher Update - Ms. Secher**

- May 11 we had 98 athletes go to Birchmount for track and field
  - 50 are moving on to conference finals June 3.
  - Then city finals June 9
- June 8 Ultimate Frisbee and Dorset Park

- May 26 Slow Pitch Sr. Boys at Charles Gordon
- May 25 Slow Pitch Sr. Girls at Birch Cliff Heights
- June 10 Play Day (Track and Field for younger kids)
  - kindies in the morning
  - Primary in the afternoon
- June 12 Hoops/Jump Rope for Heart school wide
- June 11 Kindie Open House
- June 19 1:30 Kindie grads

### **7:30 Admin Update - Angi Faraone and Michelle Lipp**

- June 4 at 6pm - Night of the Arts.
  - Choir and Drama, band and lip sync.
- EQAO grade 3 started this week. Grade 6 next week.
  - Split classes are separated so they can focus on testing
  - Online and on the chrome book
  - Mr. K and Mme. Smedley supporting
  - Ends by June the 4th
- Tree came down on Birch Cliff today. Urgent request for facilities to check the remaining tree and tree and the area
- Grade 7/ 8 trip quotes started for next year
- Popcorn fundraiser successful
  - 40 chromebooks purchased this year
  - Next year will go to the financial assist for the trip
- Staffing for next year
  - Board has strict guidelines not to share staffing with parents.
  - Teachers will find out the Friday before school. Parents will likely get email that Friday and 4pm
  - Teachers have their tentative placements
  - Admin cannot share - TDSB can discipline if they do
  - Over 520 kids for enrollment next year
  - 15 FI kids (not kindie) coming into the school this year
  - Michelle's position changed to full time VP.  
She will not be teaching next year.
- More to come on school budget
  - Gov't is giving \$750 to homeroom teachers.
  - Current consumable supply store being closed down. No details for next year yet
- Blocked Access - go guardian is being used to block Youtube during instructional time
- Grade 6 trip next year
  - All TDSB Outdoor Education cancelled
  - Michelle reached out to vendors for quotes
  - 375 per kid (no bus) more than double than last year
  - Lynsey to connect with Michelle with other vendor ideas
- New Start Time

- 8:55 start time.
- Supervision will start at 8:40am
  - Currently morning supervision is 2 teachers on duty. Mr. K at parking lot and another teacher roaming on the yard
  - Next year there will be 5 teachers supervising
  - Grades 1-4 can be dropped off at gated kindergarten area or big playground
  - Kindies come into the building at 8:40
  - All kindies come in Ms. Secher's Door.
  - Parents are not on pavement after 8:40am
  - Will look into a parent zone so parents can watch their kids while not interfering with staff supervision
  - Ask for staff supervising into the morning to wear a vest.

**8:10 Meeting adjourned**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Review tentative budget for 2026-2027 school year
- Lynsey and Michelle to connect re vendors for the grade 6 trip next year
- Admin to look into potential parent zone for parents to wait in the morning next year.