

Sandhill School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: 2026-04-15

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Sandhills Library

Attendance	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cindy Smith● Rajvi Vyas● Birgit Sievert● Jill Kras● Matt Pinelli● Akshay (virtual)● Deanne (virtual)● Nadia (virtual)	
Notes	
Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introductions● Attendance● Review of previous Minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Approval of Minutes	Chairperson
Correspondance <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Waterloo Region District School Board Director Performance Appraisal Survey<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sending out a survey to ask us questions about the director of education	Chairperson
Admin Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cindy Smith has joined Sandhills until the end of June● Staffing underway for next year<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Numbers are a little bit down● April 17: Saidat● Week of April 20: Earth week challenges● April 24: PD day<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Universal design for learning○ Literacy and numeracy○ Workshop at Bingeman's about neurodiversity○ AI workshops● April 30: Spirit day (Dress to Impress)● EQAO (standardized math, language and reading assessment) for grade 3's and 6's being administered May 19-22	Birgit Sievert

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May 26 and 27: Track and Field at Sandhills ● May 29: PD Day - no school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teachers focus on assessment data ● June 4: Welcome to Kindy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can parent council support during this event in a booth to help drive recruitment? (9 am and noon) ● June 9: Track and Field as JHSS ● June 12: Jump Rope for Heart ● June 23: Grade 6 Celebration ● June 24: Play Day! 	
<p>Treasurer Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bingo Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$8999.62 ● General Council Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$1747.46 ● Greening Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$740.51 	Kari Cilibanov
<p>Bingo Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nadia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bingo has been running smoothly lately, though we are still looking for more volunteers 	Nadia Rashid
<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vacant Positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WRAPSC Rep ○ PIC Rep ○ Still looking for volunteers for these meetings ● Events and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Looking at May or June - follow up to come ○ Multicultural Fair (end of year celebration) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Deanne update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposing an “Around the World” theme ● An evening event from 5-7 pm on either June 10 or June 11, held outdoor with gym access if needed ● Family-hosted culture booths featuring short, interactive activities like traditional games, crafts or language mini-lessons ● Collect “passport stamps” from each booth for a prize draw ● A stage will host a few cultural 	Chairperson

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> performances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Goal of at least 5 food trucks representing global cuisine ● Will explore extras like face painting, henna, lawn games, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ravji has volunteered to assist ■ ACTION: Birgit to email St Dominics to coordinate dates ● Camino Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No update from last month ● Playground (Birgit/Cindy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Repairs have been completed, and the playground is now open! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Both playgrounds on Sandhills property ■ The Kindy playground is still being assessed ● Saidat (Birgit/Kari) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All kids, K-6 will be participating ○ Grade K-3 is a high energy, motivational presentation with a dance at the end ○ Grade 4-6 presentation with a dance at the end ○ Grade 6's will be leaders in both presentations ○ \$1243.00 is the invoice to be paid from the Bingo funds ○ ACTION: Birgit to post /info thanks on School Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Motion approved 	
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) - will it be running this year, and is support needed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACTION: Birgit to follow up with Grace ● Move council board closer to the front office with a help wanted sign for Bingo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACTION: Birgit and Cindy to review where a better place would be and provide suggestions ● Discussed online safety specific to AI (in addition to general online safety) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some parents don't fully understand AI ○ Potential for education (having somebody come in to do a talk, etc.) ○ ACTION: Birgit to email St Dominics to suggest a partnership in this ● Can we use the digital board outside of the school to advertise Parent Council and Bingo? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACTION: Birgit and Cindy to review feasibility 	<p>Chairperson</p>