

School Council Meeting- Preston Public School

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

6:30-8:00 PM via Google Meet:

<https://meet.google.com/ins-auou-xxs>

Minutes:

Welcome - Marc

In Attendance - Marc Lehmann, Lindsay Warner, Lindsay Marynewich, Sharon Roberts, Renee, Liz Hambleton, Kaitlin, Janet Lam

Preston Heights Community Group update - Kim

Teacher/Principal updates - Marc

Staffing

- Marc's time at Preston has come to an end. On Monday night at the WRDSB's Board meeting, the appointment of Mr. Steve Lipskie, beginning September 1, 2025 was approved. Mr. Lipskie is an experienced Principal with the WRDSB and a colleague, hailing from Howard Robertson Public School.
- Marc expressed his gratitude to the School Council and the productive, collegial relationship we have had.
- New staff members Bailey Stevenson, Matthew Salvatore and Yukie Miyata will be joining the team in September. More details will be shared in the fall.
- One last full-time hire remains for a junior French/Special Education/planning time position and a .27 FTE position for Kindergarten planning time.

Academics

- Our grade 6 students completed their EQAO assessment last week; grade 3 testing will take place from June 2 to 5.
- We are grateful for all of our Strong Start volunteers who helped restart our program. The Isabel & Laurence M. Savage Fund has once again identified Preston Public School as a designated recipient of their generous contribution to the program.

Facilities/Grounds

- An OSBIE representative visited the school to identify any unaddressed potential hazards, in particular those representing risks for slips, trips and falls. Mrs. Randall, our custodian, assisted with the walk-through.
- With the addition of an extra classroom for 2025-26, a supplementary portable will be moved onsite (beside portable 3; behind portable 2). This will be for a grade 3 classroom
- Facilities Services is moving forward with our K3 washroom installation, additional accessible washroom installation across from the office, operable windows in every classroom and upgraded ventilation in the staff washroom. Final measurements for the windows were taken on Monday.

Health & Safety

- We are down to our last fire drill of the year, which has been pushed to June 12 due to the weather. Our consistent time for getting all students out of the building and accounted for is approximately 3.5 minutes!
- Our annual Assessment/Reassessment Form for Workplace Violence was submitted to Health, Safety & Security just over a week ago. This yearly practice ensures that we are operating in a safe environment under the OHSA (Occupations Health and Safety Act)

Miscellaneous

- Our Talent Show on Friday, May 16 was a hit and we are grateful to Mr. P-B and all of the additional staff members who put in countless hours.
- The spring league of the PSL began on May 12 with approximately 40 soccer players registered. Some new equipment, like balls and pinneys have been implemented.
- We had Jays Care Foundation staff join our baseball program on Wednesday, May 14 for an All-Star clinic.
- Last call for Booster Juice orders through the [Boost Your Lunch](#) website.
- At today's team meeting, our staff created tentative class lists for 2025-26. Final adjustments will be made right up until Labour Day weekend. Although decisions are not made based on parental requests, Marc will keep them in consideration.

School Council Financials and yearly revenue details -Marc

Bingo:	\$14,103.33
Pizza (821):	\$20,389.16
Fundraising General (840-Chocolate Bar):	\$ 2,279.70
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Total:	\$33,772.19

Detailed fundraising income for 2024-25

Booster Juice fundraiser: **\$1,962** with another 5 weeks of smoothie deliveries left. This represents 2,616 smoothies sold. This money will go back into the School Council account through which two stationary bikes were purchased at the beginning of the year

Bingo: \$11,728.38

Pizza: \$2,862.00

Chocolate bar fundraising: \$4,366.37

Monarch Waystation/Greening Update -Lindsay

The gardens are weeded and mulched. Thanks to the volunteers that spent their time last weekend to help! The Monarch Waystation is already being used by classes. We spent approximately \$1100 on mulch and rocks to keep the gardens fresh and updated.

Year-end Picnic Update -Marc & Lindsay

Pizzaville will sell pizza slices and pop, along with the other food trucks (Irie Myrie, Fo' Cheezy and Megaone Creamery).

Fall Chocolate Bar Fundraiser -Sharon

Sharon has been in touch with her contact (Andrea) about getting Laura Secord chocolates again. They will be \$5 a bar. The deadline to confirm is June 13th to hold our spot. Sharon will continue to be a main contact and get volunteers to help organize the fundraiser. Council voted to support this fundraiser and confirm with Andrea.

Outdoor Education Field Trip Funding -Lindsay

We love how we've been supporting our Gr 2 and Gr 5 students by funding a field trip to RARE. Council voted on continuing to support our students with outdoor field trips, but changing the format so that teachers have more autonomy on where to bring their classes. We will help to fund outdoor field trips for Grade 2 and Grade 5 by giving a dollar amount per student.

September Preston Community Meet & Greet -Lindsay

We will continue to help host our annual Meet & Greet. We will invite our usual community partners and families will be able to meet their child's teacher. The date is set for Sept 9th. School will be open from 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

Any Other Business?/Q & A

- Addititonal fundraising info: Dominoes has been promoting their business, giving free pizza certificates and left a package at the office for the School Council. ESNS would like to know if we will continue their system. Council voted to continue with ESNS and Pizzaville for Pizza Days next year.
- Grade 6 teachers are putting together a theme for the Grade 6 celebration: 'Onto the Next Chapter'. The School Council thinks it is a lovely theme and a great sendoff.

Proposed Upcoming Dates*:

*Same 4th of the month Wednesday 6:30-8 PM schedule

- September 24 (in person)
- October 22
- November 26
- January 28
- February 25
- March 25
- April 22
- May 27

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 6:30-8:00 PM (likely in person at Preston PS)