



School Council Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2025 7:00-8:30 PM

Google Meet

All Parents Welcome

2025-2026 School Council Member Attendance

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tony Beckberger - Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chau Truong-Wood - Co-Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Lindsay Koka - Communications |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica McQuistin - Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meghan Wentworth - Co-Fundraising | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hannah Agler - Staff Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Samir Dhanvantari - Co-Greening | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sergey Bobkin - Co-Greening | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tania Bumstead - Principal |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Honch - WRAPSC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessika Szponarski - Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Grummett - Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Lewandowski - New Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sierra Pham - Guest | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerri Jilesen - Guest |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warren Gray - New Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Martinescu-Moon - Guest | |

AGENDA

Housekeeping

7:00-7:10pm

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome & Introductions | Tony |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approval of November Meeting Minutes | All |
| • approved | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agenda Review/Approval | Tony |
| • approved | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Induction of new members - Warren & Rachel | |
| • approved | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Territorial Land Acknowledgement - WRDSB Land Acknowledgement | Tony |

Reports

7:10-7:40pm

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Principal's Report | Tania |
| • Donna's leave will be extended into January. Ms. Cassidy Cote has been hired for Dec 15-Jan 30 and is qualified to teach Jr. French Mrs. Aldworth will be going on leave after Winter Break. | |
| • Jungle Sport was a big success! | |
| • Kindergarten Registration has begun and new families can start borrowing school library books. | |
| • We are having ongoing parking issues: dangerous incidents in the school parking lot. A gate is being installed at the back of the parking lot (gym area). | |
| • Snow has not been removed properly; Tania is working with the snow removal contract company to improve this. | |
| • Families were very generous with donations for Days of Giving earlier this month. | |
| • Gr. 1 & 2 Team are doing well with implementing the new strategy for reading (MTSS Model). During 2nd Block, students are divided into reading ability groups. Students have been very focused. | |
| • School-Day Update: | |

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 @ 7pm

- There have been multiple issues with School-Day (the vendor) across the board, such as communications being posted but not visible to parents.
 - Vicki Weir (head contact for School-Day) has been on leave but will be returning soon.
 - Bridgeport Secretarial Staff are currently being trained on School-Day.
 - Note: When products are posted on School-Day, there is an automatic 2% increase added.
 - Approx. 30 Bridgeport families are currently not on School-Day (primarily MLL families).
- Staff Report Hannah
- Jungle Sport was a great opportunity for the students to take risks, try something new and challenge themselves. The Gr. 1-2 students loved it and put it on their timeline of “important events” from this school year.
 - Students and families brought in over 400 lbs of food and \$200 in monetary donations for Days of Giving.
 - PJ Day coming for December and Assembly Dec 19.
 - Guess the Staff bulletin board has been well received by staff and students.
 - Leadership opportunities for Gr.6 coming in January (i.e., games/activities in the gym).
 - We may have Candygrams in Feb. (TBD)
 - Volleyball intramurals have been running for the past few weeks and will wrap up with a fun teacher-student game.
 - Kodaly choir has been rehearsing twice per week to prepare for their spring performance, including a French song.
 - Field trip for Junior students in January: Pop Nation (formerly KW Glee) at Humanities Theatre. Two Bridgeport Students will be performing in the show!
 - Rocks & Rings is coming in March (indoor curling).
 - Gr. 5 & 6 Ski Trip approved for Tues Feb 17. (Cost is \$50: includes lesson, equipment and lift ticket.)
 - Gr. 2 students had a field trip to the Ken Seiling Museum recently. Junior students will be going soon.
 - Scientist in the School is coming soon and teachers are excited!
 - Hannah will be learning about the French UFLI program.
- Fundraising Meghan/Chau
- Poinsettia Fundraiser had a very user-friendly online ordering process and the local vendor was great to work with. We raised around \$350 from this fundraiser.
 - Dance-a-thon and Movie Night to be discussed.
 - Tania shared that the school has received a generous donation from a donor of around \$600 that can be used for school upgrades.
- Financials Tony
- School Council Account is approx. \$3,600 after Brantview and Poinsettia Fundraisers.
 - WEFI Account is approx. \$6,500 (with \$5,000 in reserve for playground and \$1,250 deposit for Jungle Sport).
 - Total Balance of both accounts is approx. \$10,000.
- Communications Lindsay
- No update today
- Grants Tony
- We currently do not have a dedicated team member looking into grants.

Discussion Items/Action Plans

7:40-8:00pm

- School-Day platform use Andrea Martinescu-Moon
 - A member/parent expressed frustration over the slow adoption of School-Day at Bridgeport School. Tania addressed this, understood the frustration and described training efforts that are being made with secretarial staff this year. A suggestion was made to provide support for families who may be struggling with technology or language to get onto School-Day.
- Kindergarten Area Upgrade Options Jessika
 - Tania shared that some logs that are beginning to rot will be replaced by facilities.
 - Ideas: outdoor picnic area, mud kitchen, sound wall (might be difficult without a fence or too expensive), honeycomb climber, balance beams, mini mountain tunnel
 - Facilities might be able to use some of their funds if items meet certain criteria (i.e., wooden items).
 - Jessika will be reaching out to high school woodworking classes to see if they would be interested in building items for the kindergarten area (if safety protocols can be met).
- Dance-a-thon Planning Chau
 - Each Grade will have an hour to come to the gym and dance with lights and DJs. This event raised over \$4,000 last year and has been a favourite at Bridgeport.
 - Lights will be rented from Long & McQuade this year. We may have leftover little lights. Chau will look into this.
 - We may use School-Day for Dance-a-thon this year.

Future Agenda Items / What's on Your Mind? / Action Items

8:00-8:10pm

- Open Public Comment All
 - Future Item: Discussing how to balance fundraising across the grades
 - Tony will rent Lights from Long & McQuade this year.
 - We may have leftover glow sticks. Chau will look into this.
 - We may use School-Day for Dance-a-thon this year.
 - Further research and planning needed for Kindergarten Outdoor Area, possibly implementing one piece at a time and considering how to balance this with items that benefit older grades.
 - Communications update was skipped at this meeting.

Winter Social

8:10-9:00pm

- Canceled due to weather (meeting held online only)