

# EDEN HIGH SCHOOL

Eden School Council  
February 25, 2026  
Eden Library 7pm  
Meeting Minutes

## Attendees

Secretary: Amy  
Vanderkooy (Chair for this  
meeting)  
Treasurer: Irene Xu  
Principal: Sandra Orr  
Vice-Principal: Scott Ellis

Trish Houtby  
Fran Cerminara  
Ashleigh Dixon  
Amanda Goulet  
Tiffany Derksen  
Kristy Duncan  
Yvonne Asekunowo

Kevin Dyck  
Sarah Danial  
Vera Nikutina  
Michael Dyck  
Shannon Velsink  
Simon Stafford

## Regrets

Renee Delaney - Chair  
Janine Alexander

## Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome to Sandra Orr - Principal
  - Sandra started as the Principal in January 2026
  - Fun Fact: Sandra likes to do fun things like wake boarding in her free time!!

## Student Council Report

- 1) Flyerfest event is the main focus for Student Council
  - It will happen late in term 2
  - Currently Fundraising for inflatables, Obstacle course rental, slip & Side
    - Looking to raise about \$2500 towards inflatables
  - Expecting to also have Food trucks but that will not have a cost for student council. Hoping for a variety of options.
- 2) Discussion about Fundraising Ideas/Plans
  - Student Council Ideas: Selling freezies; "Toonie for Non-Uni"
  - Additional suggestions:
    - Buy a song for early bell time (Set price for a class to choose the early bell song for the PA system)
    - Class that raises the most get a class pizza party
- 3) Kristy Duncan brought up a non-profit in Niagara Falls to potentially borrow for lawn games
  - Kristy will get the contact information to Renee Delaney (School Council Chair) & Mrs. Orr (Principal)

### **Athletics Council Report - Addy**

1. SOSSA - Thurs Feb 26 for sr girls volleyball, jr girls next week
2. OFSAA - 3 first-time wrestlers have advanced to OFSAA, 23 swimmers have advanced
  - Swimming - Mrs Orr has all of the swim records that have been broken! Mr White has a next level program
3. Hockey - boys and girls hockey currently in playoffs..stay tuned for results!
4. Turf field - classes and sports able to use this spring!
  - Thank you to William Hamilton Merritt and Parnell for letting us use their outdoor spaces for the past year as needed.
5. Rowing - up and running thanks to alumni coach Tyler, community member Michelle Fisher, Eden staff - Ms Chcoski, Mr White, Ms Uba, and Ms Testa
6. Fitness centre - happening place after school! Appreciate all the support from council
7. Badminton and squash - will start soon and we anticipate large numbers again
8. Girls rugby - optional indoor winter training has begun, 52 students have signed up!

**Question** about Jr Varsity boys hockey; Mrs. Orr & Mr. Ellis were able to clarify that at this time they were able to arrange for a couple of tournaments so this will be a tournament team.

### **Principal's report - Available on School Council Page**

[Principal's Report - Feb 25 26](#)

#### **Additional Notes:**

Grade 10 meetings for guidance will begin soon

- Encourage parents to have conversations at home

New this year: Ministry will issue certificate based on hours of community hours

- Students learned this this week

Summer school offerings will be released start of May

#### **Chair's Items**

- Past Minutes (November 2025) were reviewed
  - Kevin Dyck & Simon Stafford both noted they were missing from the attendance
    - Amy Vanderkooy will address this and send an updated version to Mrs. Orr.
- Renee Delany sent her sincere regrets for being away unexpectedly
- Thank-you to those that were able to help with the school's Open House!! We felt it was a good representation of the council and was beneficial to our incoming community.
- Based on the reporting from the Student Council the group asked about how we could plan to support their efforts to expand the Flyer Fest Event.
  - Knowing that finances may be needed previous to our May 4, 2026 meeting the group agreed that we could do a vote via Google Form to ensure clear records
  - School staff were asked to keep the school council informed if the student council could benefit from additional funds to support this event. If so, the needs and costs will be shared with the council.

\*There was no confirmed decision around plans to support the event or not; that will depend entirely on the proposal and need.

- Parent/Teacher Interviews are coming up soon (March 12) - Do we want to do Sausage Samples & Fundraising advertising??
  - The group felt that it would be a good idea.
  - Amy Vanderkooy will order 2kg of sausages for the Council use and submit receipts.

### **Fundraising Report - Amy Vanderkooy (Fundraising Chair)**

- Thank-you to those that were able to help with both Sausage pickup and Open House
- Winter sausage sale is underway and closes tomorrow morning.
  - Currently sales are around \$10,000
- Treasurer's Report includes final sales amounts for Fall Sausage Sale, Big Box Cards (Fall) and Cobb's Bread cards
- At this time there have not been any sales for the GiveToGrow fundraiser.
  - Discussion was introduced around the fundraiser and how it works.
  - Members/attendees were encouraged to check out the GiveToGrow website using handouts with QR codes and the website.
    - <https://givetogrow.ca/eden-high-school>
  - This fundraiser is ongoing and requires no facilitation from the school/council.
  - Participants are able to add the fundraiser items to other items bought from Small Scale Farms if they wish to.
  - All shipping/delivery is contained within the ordering process and items are delivered to the customer's home.
  - If any council members have any suggestion for how to engage Eden families and/or the community in this fundraiser please reach out to the council executive and/or fundraising team.
- Next Steps:
  - **March 7, 2026 - 9am-12pm** - Sausage Pickup - Volunteers will be needed; email signup to follow
  - **March 12, 2026 - 3-6pm** - Parent-Teacher Interviews - Volunteers will be needed
  - **Winter Sausage Sale - April 2, 2026 - April 23, 2026** (Sale will close no later than A.M.)
  - **May 2, 2026** - Winter Sausage Pickup - Volunteers will be needed.
  - **Big Box Cards will run at the same time as Spring Sausage Sale.**
  - *We would like to plan some sort of PR for the GiveToGrow - Amy will consult with Renee further around this*
  - All further decisions around finances will be made after the Administrators have additional timeline/financial needs.

### **Treasurer's Report - Irene Xu (Treasurer)**

- Irene presented the current financial numbers as presented within the report.
  - Attached on the Final Page of the minutes
- These numbers represent the final sales for all completed fundraisers but Winter Sausage sales is an ongoing fundraiser.
- Questions were posed around finances will be spent.
  - At this time there is no specific requests for finances to be dispersed so we will not be voting on anything, if any finances are required before the May 4 meeting, administration will reach out to school council executives and there will be a communication to all voting members around an online vote as agreed upon earlier in the meeting.
  - The expectation is that finances will be spent on a) the sports field sign costs (totally at least 50% of fundraised amounts for the year); b) graduation bursaries (total amounts to be decided at May 4, 2026 council meeting based on available finances); c) any requested school wide event/need (or needs to support a significant amount of the school community) as presented by administration, student or athletic council.

*\*Note this is based on the conversation of the council in this meeting and no financial commitments were confirmed\**

### **Closing**

- Meeting was closed with a reminder that ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS are asked to complete the Volunteer Declaration Form - those not in attendance can request this form from the school office.