



Eden School Council

May 4, 2026

Eden Library 7pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Executive: Renee Delaney (Chair), Irene Xu (Treasurer), Amy Vanderkooy (Secretary)

School/Board Staff: Sandra Orr (Principal), Julie Aquilina (Vice-Principal), Matt Miller (Superintendent of Student Achievement and Well-Being), Fran Cerminara (Staff Representative)

Voting Members: Tiffany Derksen, Amanda Goulet, Brian Cline, Janine Alexander, Kristy Duncan, Carolyn Eich, Kevin Dyck, Simon Stafford, Roy L. (Student Council Rep)

Non-Voting Members: Ashleigh Dixon

Community Members: None in attendance; Karen Cerca requested Ashleigh Dixon serve as proxy vote (communicated with the Council Chair)

Total Voting Members: 14

1. Welcome - Chair: Renee Delaney
2. Student Council Report – Roy L.
 - Roy provided updates around the recent school activities and events
 - The Candygram sale did not go as hoped and they will reconsider how the advertise/market these sort of events in future but for now, they did not get the desired income to fund Flyerfest
 - Discussion was had around the desired inflatables rental for Flyerfest and what they would mean for the event.
 - **Action: Council agreed they would like to fund this portion of the event and agreed to vote on that later in the meeting.**
3. Athletic Council Report – Felix V.
 - Recent updates were provided and numerous sporting teams/events were discussed.
4. Principal's Report and Feedback Question
 - See Principals report for details

5. Chair's Items

- Discussion of the Give to Grow fundraiser - is this something we think can work at Eden?
 - i. Council members shared various thoughts, concerns and ideas.
 - ii. **Action: This fundraiser will be reviewed again in the fall.**
- Administration Change
 - i. Julie Aquilina will be leaving Eden at the end of the school year for a new placement. THANK-YOU Mrs. Aquilina for all of your hours of service and care to our students! The school council wishes you well in your next endeavour and we hope to see you again some time!
- Parent/School Community Communication
 - i. It was discussed that members of the council would like to pursue increased communication with the school community next year. One suggestion was a brief "newsletter" format communication; additionally formulating a council email list was also suggested. Both of these ideas will be further pursued in the fall.
 - Multiple members of the council offered to support the creation of a "Welcome to the Year" letter to go out to families at registration this year with confirmed fundraising dates/info, and some notes about our fundraising goals for the year.
 - Amy Vanderkooy will communicate with the entire council mailing list in early August to gather supporters for this and provide something to school staff previous to registration.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Summary provided however, the provided numbers were approximate as some income was yet to be confirmed.
- ***Please see Addendum 1 with final report updated on May 25/26**

7. Fundraising Report

- Overall we are very happy with the Spring Sausage sales
- A HUGE thanks to Ashleigh Dixon for her COUNTLESS hours of work this year for the sake of the fundraising process.
 - i. Ashleigh took over from Karen Cerca this year as coordinator for Sausage Sales and Cobb's Bread.

- Additional thanks to ALL of those who volunteered hours to help with the numerous fundraisers and events this year.
- Next year we would like to continue with Sausage sales, likely a spring card sale and evaluate Give-to-Grow.

8. Next Year

- Dates:
 - i. “Orientation to School Council” - Sept 21/26 - 7pm;
 - ii. Council Applications Due: Sept 30/26
 - iii. Initial School Council Meeting - Oct 5/26 - 7pm
- Community Members
 - i. Please keep in mind that we will be looking for community members for the council in the fall. We are hoping to find 1-2 community members who would like to be involved in supporting our students and the positive impact of our school in the community. Please keep in mind anyone you know that might be willing to serve our school community in this way.

9. New Business:

- Financial Discussions and Voting
 - i. Ministry School Council Funds:
 - The council has up to \$500/yr to spend on council promotion
 - This year we wish to spend the funding on reusable signage to support the fundraising efforts and council “presence” at events.
 - a. We have requested that Dixon Ink provide a proposal for numerous lawn/outdoor signs for sausage sales and Eden Fundraising. The invoice will be submitted to the school team for payment.
 - All voting members were in support
 - ii. Fundraising Funds:
 - *The council has agreed to submit 50% of our fundraising to help with the new scoreboard so all final amounts will be decided after that point.*
 - Other funds will go towards “larger” needs
 - a. Items such as team and club needs were covered through the school budget and activity fees.
 - **Needs: Digital Sign, Flyerfest Inflatables (via Student Council), Graduation Bursaries, Breakfast Club**

- Proposal:
 - a. Scoreboard: \$8500.00
 - b. Flyerfest Inflatables: \$2000.00
 - c. Graduation Bursaries: \$5000.00
 - d. Breakfast Club: Up to \$1000.00, as possible
- **Voting:**
 - All voting members agreed**
 - *Edit: Final Approved Disbursements listed in Addendum 1**

Meeting was adjourned and all are wished well for a restful summer!!

Thank-you to the Eden School Council of 2025/26; a special thanks to those parents who have graduates this year!! You will be missed

Addendum 1: Final Fundraising Account Totals and Financial Reporting - Eden School Council 2025/26

Summary Report

Income - As of School Year End - 2025/26

Total Net Funds Raised during the 2025-2026 School Year - \$16,095.59

Balance carry forward from previous year - \$34.73

Disbursements - As of School Year End - 2025/26

\$8500.00 - Scoreboard

\$2000.00 - Flyerfest Inflatables via Student Council

\$5000.00 – Graduation Bursaries

\$600.00 - Breakfast club

Total Disbursements -16,100.00

School Council Closing Account Balance: \$30.32