



St Elizabeth School Council Meeting Minutes



Meeting:

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 @ 6:00pm

In Attendance

<p>Michael Leonard Tasha Richardson Melissa Laird-Arroyo Gillian Fiander – YWCA Tawn Robinson Linda Evans Mandi Ramsay Stephanie Arruda Sheri Urquhart Ashley Borho</p>	<p>Jennifer Smit Amanda Scott Jason Urquhart Shelley Freiburger Nicole Ferrera Jenna Caetano Pam Machado Samsondeen Lasisi</p>
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<p>Trevor Shelly Bryan Rosekat</p>	
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Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Prayer:

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm and Michael led us in prayer.

Agenda Item		Notes
May Meeting Minutes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephanie motion to accept the minutes, Tasha 2nd.
Principal Update	Michael	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student enrollment was fluctuating a lot right up until Thursday before school starting. We have a total of 420 students enrolled this year, increased from 408 students last year. There was some construction over the summer at the school. A new roof over the primary and junior hallways as well as all new LED lighting throughout the school At the end of last year, the gym mats were replaced, and some had the Eagles logo put on it. Some of the older mats were put on the posts in kindie yard to prevent any injuries from kids running into the posts. There will be new interactive panels added between those poles soon. Strong Start program is looking for volunteers – a volunteer position where you play reading games and help improve students’ reading skills. A minimum 30 minute commitment per week is required and is done during school hours. Pizza Day is changing: School cash online will be set up to purchase for one month at a time instead of a 3-month stretch. There will be a deadline for each month to make your purchase, and no late orders will be accepted.

		<p>Playground Equipment Survey (done in June 2025)</p> <p><i>Primary Grades Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current recess activity breakdown: 36% play soccer; 34% play with nature; 32% play imagination games ▪ What things did they want to add? Nets for the soccer posts, climbing activities (monkey bars/climbing structure), ‘natural’ playground with wooden steps and logs, sandbox, more benches, skipping ropes, hula hoops ▪ What shady area design did they like? 3 of 5 classes liked the covered benches with wooden pergola; 2 of 5 classes liked the fabric shade sails ▪ What equipment suggestions did they like best? 65% would play the funnel ball; 64% liked the Gaga ball pit; 74% wanted to add some slides ▪ 67% would play on the monkey bar “climber arch” shown to them ▪ If you could only choose one thing to add: 3 of 5 classes said slides; 1 of 6 classes wanted the climber; 1 of 6 classes would like the Gaga ball pit <p><i>Junior/Intermediate Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current recess activity breakdown: mostly using the basketball nets and playing volleyball, 47% said playing with friends, 21% play soccer ▪ What things did they want to add? Climbing activities (monkey bars), more equipment to play sports, a volleyball net and more benches ▪ What shade structure design did they like? 4 of 8 classes liked the wooden covered bench design and 4 of 8 classes want shade sail structure ▪ What equipment suggestions did they like best? 57% like the funnel ball game; 64% liked the Gaga ball pit; 71% wanted a volleyball net ▪ Students were shown examples of the outdoor fitness equipment and 81% approved. ▪ If you could only choose one thing to add: 4 of 8 classes want the fitness equipment; 3 of 8 classes want volleyball equipment; 1 of 8 wants a Gaga ball <p>Shelley added an idea of putting some interactive panels on the wall by cubbies, such as the ones where you hold a handle and try to drag it through a maze. Would be a good use of space and wouldn’t need any construction to install them.</p>
Financials	Michael	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Account: \$4,752.57 • Fundraising Account: \$12,752.27 • Total: \$17,444.47 (\$2000 for the new tables and chairs purchased still has to come out)
Election of Executive	All Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairs: Tasha Richardson • Co-Chair: Stephanie Arruda • Secretary: Melissa Laird-Arroyo • Treasurer: Jennifer Smit
Fundraising	All Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We decided to try the Fundschrift fundraiser again but start sooner and run it longer. It will begin October 1st and end November 1st in order to get all the gift cards back before Black Friday and Christmas time. • Sheri suggested adding in a prize or reward for the students with the most sales in each grade/class/division. Michael suggested doing a school-wide reward if the school reaches a certain fundraising goal – such as a candy day or pizza party if we manage to raise xx fundraising dollars. • Valentine’s Day dance – will discuss next meeting

<p>Upcoming School Community Events</p>	<p>All Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM Night October 22, 2025, at 6pm. Engineering students from University of Waterloo will come to the school and run 5-7 STEM activities for students and families • Bingo Night will be done in the fall. It was very well-received last year. • New idea of Family Feud Night. We will aim to do this in the spring, but if for some reason we can't get it together, we will do another bingo night instead. • Christmas Pasta Dinner catered by St. Benedict's Hospitality class (date TBD).
<p>Items held for next meeting</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide on dates for Bingo Night, Christmas pasta lunch, Valentine's Day Dance. • Valentine's day dance information. Get the official letter from Michael to give to businesses for silent auction donations
<p>Close Meeting</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen motion to close the meeting, Stephanie 2nd.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2025, 6:00 – 7:30 pm