

# May School Council Agenda



## Voting Members

Co-Chairs: Freda Vanopoulos and Alex Zych

Treasurer: Amy Dodds

Secretary: Jenny Green

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## Non-Voting Members

Mareika Smith (Principal)

Zara Moazzam (Vice Principal)

Tania Laurie (Staff Rep)

Time	What	Minutes
7 pm	<p>Land Acknowledgement</p> <p>We begin by acknowledging the land and our responsibility to care for and respect all that provides us with life. This land upon which HDSB is situated is on the ancestral, treaty, and title lands of the Anishinaabek Ojibwe Michizaagiig Nation, now known as the Mississaugas of the Credit. Michizaagiig territory in the past and present continues to host both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.</p> <p>The HDSB is committed to continuous knowledge building with respect to actions that address and resolve the ongoing impacts of colonialism. We do this by learning and understanding the true history, treaty obligations, duties and responsibilities, and Indigenous Rights while actively maintaining mutually beneficial relationships and collectively respecting and caring for the land.</p>	
7:05 pm	<p><b>Approval of the Minutes from the March Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Approval of the Agenda for the May Meeting</b></p>	<p>Moved by: Amy</p> <p>Seconded by: Krista</p> <p>Moved by: Debra</p> <p>Seconded by: Tulika</p>
7:10 pm	<b>Principal and Staff Report</b>	<b>Staff Report - Zara for Tanya Laurie</b>

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		<p><b>Kindergarten</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May 7th - Kindie Open House</li> <li>- May 26th Trip to Diamonds Farm</li> <li>- Kindie Concert on June 16/17</li> <li>- K3 has created a wormery, a vermicompost (learning about composting thru worms)</li> <li>- K4 has created a dramatic airplane/airport in their room (with passports!)</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- April 30 - Nelson students from <b>HOSA Club</b> came in last week and made butterflies with the students for seniors at Appleby Place</li> <li>- <b>Chicks:</b> 7 eggs, anticipated hatching May 19 and depending on when they start hatching, teachers will be livestreamed if after school.</li> <li>- <b>Bronte Creek</b> came in April 16th, 2026, and did a presentation on Living Things to all the students.</li> <li>- Class Trip - <b>African Lion Safari</b> June 3</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- April 29 - All grade 2 and 6 students participated in a video call and a <b>Question and Answer session with Mr. Timothy Haltigin</b> from the Canadian Space Agency. It was amazing to learn more about the Artemis II mission, how to become an astronaut and general facts about space.</li> <li>- April 29 - Nelson students from <b>HOSA Club</b> came in last week and made butterflies with the students for seniors at Appleby Place</li> <li>- Trip to <b>Mountsberg</b> on May 13, 2026</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trip to <b>Dundurn Castle</b> to learn about Plants and Soils on June 9</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They are currently exploring soils and plants and have some container gardens growing in our classroom. Students are also exploring how you can regrow vegetables from kitchen scraps such as the bottom of a romaine lettuce head or green onions. Next they will be learning about the benefits of composting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trip to <b>Medieval Times</b> to participate in a Medieval Feast and Tournament on May 8th</li> <li>- Students have created Medieval family shields as a project to demonstrate their learning about chivalry, what particular symbols meant, and life in the Medieval period.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May 27th - They have their <b>trip to McMaster</b> (outdoor ed and team building activities)</li> <li>- Students are currently working on <b>human body projects</b> for our symposium later this month</li> <li>- <b>Learning Buddies</b> which includes outdoor learning Ed</li> <li>- They also have <b>Marsh snails</b> for learning about biodiversity</li> <li>- Per Mareika there has been a focus for the teachers to connect older students with younger students, and it has been providing lovely stories of interactions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Just finished their <b>Space Science Fair</b> and joined the grade 2's last week with Tim Haltigin.</li> <li>- Virtual field trip with <b>MESA College</b> in Arizona about their desert habitats/animals</li> <li>- <b>Nature's N.E.A.R.</b> will be with us in May for a habitat in school field trip</li> <li>- Halton Environmental Network will run "<b>Where our Food Comes From</b>" in school field trip sessions all day for the gr. 6 and 5/6 classes in May.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gr.6's will work with "<b>Burlington Green</b>" and their "<b>Greenup cleanup</b>" at Sioux Lookout by cleaning the park and beach area in may as well.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Camp Kawartha</b> from May 25-27th. They will participate in a variety of teambuilding and leadership activities led by Camp Kawartha staff and JTT teachers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grade 8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hydraulic projects</b> - well underway. Classroom tours will hopefully occur in early June</li> <li>- Grade 8 trip to <b>Ottawa</b> - June 15-17</li> <li>- Grade 8 <b>Graduation</b> - June 24th</li> </ul> <p><b>Extra curriculars</b></p> <p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Tuck Spring Concert</b> on May 14 in the gym</li> <li>- <b>Primary Spring Performances + Choir</b> on June 17 at 10am outdoors (rain date June 24)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Performances outside from all grade 1-3 classes, primary choir and junior choir</li> <li>- Combining the performance date with a JTT Parent Coffee on the blacktop in the AM; Location: outside the kindie pen</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Clubs/Sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Battle of the Books</b>; Sr team placed 4th in Burlington, Jr team place 3rd in Burlington</li> <li>- <b>Dress Loud Day</b> on May 13 - Hearing Awareness Month. Staff have been sent slideshows for classroom learning from Jessie Hunt to help support this awareness</li> <li>- <b>Lip Synch</b> run by Mrs. Hunt was held April 17. A huge success of students from K-6 celebrating the arts. Students in Grade 3-6 performed dances, songs, piano performances and the rock band performed. The Gr 8</li> </ul>

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		<p>students created the video, wrote the script and ran the show under Mrs. Hunt's guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Gauss Math Contest</b> run by Mrs. Hunt for Grade 7/8 with some 5 and 6 students. This is a math enrichment Waterloo Math Contest. Students meet and practice independently and the "meet" is May 15</li> <li>- <b>Jump Rope For Heart</b> on May 22 run by Mrs. Allen for kindergarten to grade six, students will skip/play games for one period in the day; fundraising envelopes will be coming home soon</li> <li>- <b>Junior Girls Basketball</b> team with Mederios and Grigaitis has two upcoming tournaments:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thursday May 14 @ Glenview P.S. (Tuck's 1st game start time to be shared in the next week when we receive the schedule)</li> <li>- Thursday May 28 @ M.M. Robinson (schedule to be shared when Ms. G receives it)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Junior Boys Basketball</b> with Hyslop and parents: The junior boys basketball team has now been selected and has been working hard at practices over the past few weeks. The team recently played an exhibition game at Glenview Public School, where Tuck had a strong showing and the team demonstrated great effort and teamwork.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looking ahead, the team is preparing for a tournament on May 7 at Elsie McGill High School in Milton, followed by another tournament on May 14 at MMR High School.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Grade 5 Flag Rugby</b> with Mayo and Palumbo: Tryouts for Grade 5 and 6 Rugby will begin soon. We are looking forward to an exciting full-day tournament on June 4. Rugby provides students with a fantastic team experience. A huge thank you to the Parent Council for supporting our team and purchasing the students flag sets for our practices and the tournament.</li> </ul> <p><b>Junior Relays</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meet is on May 13th and will be held at Dr. Frank Hayden Secondary School.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gr 3,4,5 Girls Team, Boys Team, Mixed Relay</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<p><b>Junior Track</b> with Laurie, Moskal, Hyslop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tryouts will start after the Relay Day has passed -</li> <li>- June 17 - Meet at Nelson</li> </ul> <p><b>Senior Track</b> - Palumbo and Mayo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We are excited to share that Senior Track and Field tryouts are now underway! Students selected will participate in their upcoming meet on May 20. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to build confidence, set personal goals, and experience the rewards of dedication and teamwork.</li> </ul> <p><b>Soccer</b> with Shaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intermediate Soccer for both boys and girls is starting up. The girls' team will participate in one tournament on June 2nd, and the boys' team will participate in one tournament on June 3rd. Both tournaments will be hosted at Brant Hills.</li> </ul> <p><b>Run Club</b> with Hunt and Laurie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grade 6/7/8 Fridays a second NB (40 mins)</li> <li>- Organizing two races for May/June on upcoming weekends</li> </ul> <p><b>Principal's Report - Mareika</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EQAO dates have been provided to families for Grade 3 and Grade 6</li> <li>- Set a date for the open house in the fall: 8 Sep is the first day of school, and Meet the Teacher will be 10 Sep; other schools have found success here</li> <li>- "Meet the Teacher" Open House will take place 14 September 2026.</li> </ul>
7:30 pm	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p><b>Teacher Supports</b> closed; mainly younger grade teachers opted in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Based on feedback, Teacher Support at \$250 per teacher could start at \$250 at the beginning of the year rather than increasing from \$100, or budgeting purposes. Mareika to advise teachers that this money</li> </ul>

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		<p>will be available on Sep 14 (they can submit receipts from prep during the summer).</p> <p>Kindergarten teachers are requesting a <b>sun shade</b> for the full-sun Kindie pen; 3 posts and a triangular sun shade professionally installed and warranted for 10 years. Work will happen over the summer.</p> <p><b>Science Lab</b> was redone 2 years ago, and we have 2 scroll saws and that's it. The old <b>Tech Lab</b> was ripped out long ago but already has all the outlets and wiring; Board will pay for installation of 5 scroll saws, 2 sanders and a drill press plus venting, from an existing fund for these purposes. Board will pay for this, but Mareika asking School Council for rolling tables made of butcher block for building (to replace 2x4 planks laid on the desk). Work will happen over the summer.</p> <p><b>Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requesting just under \$60,000 for remaining line items not yet funded.</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="699 1163 1495 1556"> <tbody> <tr><td>24 Lacrosse Sticks</td><td>\$387.14</td></tr> <tr><td>Cross Country Bussing Costs</td><td>610.2</td></tr> <tr><td>25 Volleyballs</td><td>\$993.27</td></tr> <tr><td>Rugby Flags</td><td>\$20.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Outdoor Storage Box for front pen</td><td>\$451.99</td></tr> <tr><td>Kids Lit Quiz</td><td>500</td></tr> <tr><td>Projectors x 3</td><td>6700</td></tr> <tr><td>Syllasense Red and Teal Sets</td><td>\$594</td></tr> <tr><td>Grade 6 Reading Club Books</td><td>\$255.30</td></tr> <tr><td>Tables for New Tech Room</td><td>5000</td></tr> <tr><td>iPads x 5</td><td>2350</td></tr> <tr><td>North Outdoor Space Shade Sail</td><td>10000</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Arts-based event</b> had been requested by School Council to try and facilitate older grades' comfort performing. Do we prefer an arts event vs JungleSport? Mareika recommends <a href="#">Travelling Stage</a> for drama or dance. Mareika to get pricing. Has requested which dates we would like the gym.</li> </ul> <p>Event planning is still in the rebuilding phase for bands, public speaking, etc. and picking up steam.</p>	24 Lacrosse Sticks	\$387.14	Cross Country Bussing Costs	610.2	25 Volleyballs	\$993.27	Rugby Flags	\$20.00	Outdoor Storage Box for front pen	\$451.99	Kids Lit Quiz	500	Projectors x 3	6700	Syllasense Red and Teal Sets	\$594	Grade 6 Reading Club Books	\$255.30	Tables for New Tech Room	5000	iPads x 5	2350	North Outdoor Space Shade Sail	10000
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8:00 pm	<p><b>School Council Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuck Gives Back Updates</li> <li>• Community: IRL</li> <li>• Dance-a-Thon</li> <li>• Movie Night</li> <li>• Other Business</li> </ul>	<p>Motion for council to approve new items on the Treasurer's wishlist \$27861.90</p> <p>Motioned: Jessica</p> <p>Seconded: Jonathan</p> <p>Motion to put deposit for Junglesport \$1750 (aim for a winter timeframe)</p> <p>Motioned by Tuleika</p> <p>Seconded by Jessica</p> <p><b>Tuck Gives Back - Krista</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ADHD, Autism, Epilepsy, Type 1 Diabetes have been detailed on the bulletin board; school announcements also being provided</li> <li>- Feedback has been encouraging             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grade 3 student observed by an EA reading the board "Hey! I have ADHD!" "That's cool!"</li> <li>- Seeing students open up about their own diagnoses or sharing their own information</li> <li>- Can we please add hearing differences for next year? (Yes!) There are a number of kids in the school with hearing differences (i.e. supported by the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Team)</li> <li>- The board was very well received</li> <li>- The TGB team is very open to feedback and other information to include</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>TGB is planning to continue 5 main streams next year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clothing Drive</li> <li>- Food Drive</li> <li>- Building Bridges</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ROCK Infant Food Drive</li> <li>- Support / encourage participation in an external fundraiser (this year, Lighthouse Run)</li> </ul> <p>Lighthouse Run (fundraiser for Lighthouse) on May 30 (Sat)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to sensitive nature of Lighthouse' work and students currently engaged in services, the announcements at the school will simply share with kids that there's a run opportunity</li> <li>- Mareika suggest run club reps do an announcement to invite any other runners to join them without focusing on the function of Lighthouse among students</li> </ul> <p>School Council discussed potential to get kids volunteering in a long-term pattern, not a one-off. It's challenging for 1-time events, training is required.</p> <p><b>IRL:Community</b> - Freda (on behalf of Heather and Roxanne)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Heather and Roxanne have been working behind the scenes to build strong relationships and momentum for IRL:Community, both locally and nationally.</li> <li>- This has included meetings with our local MPP and MP, and engagement with organizations like the Canadian Medical Association and other aligned groups. This work is helping position our community within a broader movement focused on youth mental health and healthier relationships with technology.</li> <li>- A key strategic step was partnering with Unplugged Canada, a national initiative focused on promoting healthier digital habits and more offline connection. Roxanne and Heather were invited to serve as Chapter Leads and have launched the Halton Chapter. This was a very intentional move that gives us access to national resources and a broader network, setting us up strongly for next school year.</li> <li>- As the school year wraps up, they'll be sharing some offline summer tips from UnPlugged Canada with families to support connection and balance.</li> <li>- Looking ahead to the fall, there are early conversations with Nelson High School about peer mentoring</li> </ul>

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		<p>opportunities focused on healthy screen use and mental health. With Unplugged Canada, we'll be able to leverage additional resources to further support both the school and the wider community.</p> <p>Mareika attending a presentation re: better understanding and intervening re: mental health related to mobile devices (especially with new rules for mobile devices in schools); there is a 60 mins video, and we could consider her as a presenter next year</p> <p>Reminder of <b>Tin Can phone</b> that Tuck families are using, let them know and they can add you to the neighbourhood directory.</p> <p><b>Dance-a-thon Fundraiser - Jessica</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Successfully collecting \$4500; there is a google drive with photos that can be shared with students; Mareika to put this on the rotating screens in the hallway near the office.</li> </ul> <p><b>Movie Night - Alex</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- well attended, had the mats out; next time, serve popcorn until 7pm (for example) and then reuse the bags. Popcorn is loved by the kids; it was a messy night and may have brought ants; consider asking parents not to buy/bring pop and consider a shorter movie.</li> </ul>
8:20 pm	<b>Motion to Adjourn</b>	<p>Motioned by Jenny</p> <p>Seconded by Amy</p>