Halton District School Board

School Council Minutes

M.M.Robinson High School

School Council Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026
Time: 6pm
Location: Student Learning Commons (Library)

Attendees

Staff: Nick Varricchio (P), Stephanie Clapham (teacher), Christa Hosler (VP)
Parents: Rachel Dam, Roisin Pozzobon, Jackie Stone, Jessica Coombes, Kim Houghton & Drew Wallner, Angela, Jacquie Gardner, Sarah Payne,

Regrets

Jackie Stone (PIC Rep)

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Meeting called to order at: 6:05pm

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Chairs

3. Teacher's Report

Student Voice - Students from Equity Club have expressed interest in joining our meetings, but are busy tonight.

*School reporting:

- IEPs went home end of Oct
- Midterm report cards will be sent home on Mon. Nov. 23 via email

*Recent Past School Events
-Halloween spirit days
-remembrance day assemblies by grade
-career coach events for grade 9 and 10s
-college / career fair for grade 11/12s

*Photo ID / Proofs ready for pick up
*Honor roll pick up

*Wellness week - strategy cards, self reflection prompts
-greeting day at doors when students arrive for in the morning

Clubs:

*Eco Club:

- Outdoor education CPP students participated in the student competitions at the Royal Winter Fair, and won a number of awards for their art and preserves.
    - top four ribbons for their artwork made from seeds and flowers of native plants grown in our school garden
    - 5th and 6th for their jelly preserve
    - students made dill pickles and sweet pickles from the cucumbers that our CPP horticulture class grew.
    - dill pickles placed fourth and the sweet dill pickles earned a first place ribbon!
    - The class also entered into the large vegetable contest with a large loofah gourd that they grew, but it did not place.
    - A display will be set up in the CPP hallways soon, showing pictures of the event and the students ribbons.

- The MMR EcoRams had their first swap/thrift event of the year at the end of the day on October 28th.
    - The whole school was invited to shop and over 120 students took the opportunity to find almost new & second hand clothing item and other accessory items that they liked and needed.
    - Items were donated by staff and families of our school for this event.
    - The spring swap/thrift will take place in early May.
- The MMR EcoRams have been lucky to be one of the school groups picked to attend the Generation Green Youth Climate Conference on December 8th. The conference theme is the Low-carbon economy and green careers.

Student Council

- raised over $1000 in this year's Terry Fox walk, which met our school-wide goal
- there will be a Spirit Week taking place in the final week before Winter Break

The winter semi-formal dance will be held on Wednesday December 2nd. Doors open at 6:45 pm. The dance is from 7 until 9 pm. Tickets are available on School Cash Online and sales will end on Monday November 23, 2026. Tickets are $12.00 and there is a limited supply due to facility restrictions. Tickets are non-refundable. The dance is open only to registered students at MMR. Please note that students are expected to comply with the Code of Conduct while at the dance, including no vaping or having vaping products. Parents will be asked to pick up their child from the dance should they be in violation of the Code of Conduct. A refund will not be issued. As well, depending on the severity of the violation, formal school consequences may be administered, including police involvement. There will be no backpacks or water bottles allowed into the school dance, and coats will be checked prior to entry. Re-entry is not permitted. Students should leave all valuables at home and will not have access to their lockers.

Academic aspects:

*Math Contests
*DELF exams
*OSSLT - tomorrow and Friday

Best Buddies

We have a gathering on November 26th.. A bake sale fundraiser is December 17th.... any parents interested in helping us fundraise for our school club can deliver baked goods during that week of school to our event! Of course donations are appreciated! 🙏🤞

We are getting club shirts this year, so fundraising proceeds will help offset the cost of materials and interactive games: activities for our club events.

BSA

Black Leaders For Tomorrow to come in and meet with our BSA in December!

Phys Ed:

Athletic Council is on Tuesdays in the Health Room. There are some weeks we don't meet, but we have a Google Classroom where we communicate. With the winter sports season starting up soon, we are in desperate need of more members and volunteers for scorekeeping! Students can join our council anytime and we train them on how to scorekeep. Lots of volunteer hours can be earned!

Sports that are Over:
*boys volley ball
... senior boys won tier 2 championship
... junior boys lost tier 1 championship, but finished 1st overall
*girls basket ball
... junior lost tier 2 championship
... senior girls were just short of playoffs

*jr / sr girls field hockey - season over / long
*varsity cross country - athletes competed in OFSSA
*football - at Hayden; lost in first playoff game

Upcoming Sports:

The MMR Girls Varsity Hockey team has merged with Frank Hayden. Everyone who came out to tryouts was offered a spot on the team. Our first game is on December 1st.

*tryouts and teams are beginning for girls volleyball and boys basketball
*also swim team has their first meet tomorrow

Arts:

*Music concert - stay tuned to announcements
-ongoing drama performances

MMR Extra-Curriculars

Student Supports & Contacts MMR has a dedicated team to support student success, well-being, and individual needs.

SUPPORT AREA	KEY CONTACT(S)
Student Success (SSP)	Peter Clark, Richelle Slusarczyn
Special Education (IEP)	Corey Trodd, Danielle McCarthy
Multilingual Learners (MLL)	Jody Van Arnhem
Guidance	Nicole Hagley, Joy Baxter,
School Social Worker	Jeffery von Zuben
Indigenous Social Worker	Rosalee Mitchell (HDSB)
LGBTQ+ Liaison	Sarina Sarraf (HDSB)
School Mental Health Nurse	Amy Cianflone

There's a lot going on at MMR!	
Junior Girls' Soccer	Senior Girls' Soccer
Junior Reach Team	Senior Reach Team
Junior/Senior Field Hockey	Student Council
Link Crew	Super Smash Bros Ultimate Club
Math Club	Swimming
Mindfulness	Tech Crew
Model United Nations and Debate Club	The Knitting Knook - Crochet/Knitting Club
MSA - Muslim Students' Association	Track & Field
Music Council	Ultimate Frisbee
Peer Tutors	Varsity Baseball

Physics Club	Varsity Boys' Rugby
Racing Rams	Varsity Boys' Touch Football
Relay for Life	Varsity Girls' Rugby
Rotary Interact Club	Varsity Girls' Touch Football
Senior Badminton	Varsity Hockey
Senior Boys' Basketball	Visual Arts Council
Senior Boys' Volleyball	Visual Arts Club
Senior Girls' Basketball	Yearbook Club
Elevate Christian Club	Mindfulness & Wellness Club

4. Principal's Report

*sports
- First time he went to a championship day
- Same site for 3 teams playing at the same time

*power outage
-squirrel situation again

*we are not too large of a school to lose sense of community

*Goodwill partnership
-final MoU in place (framework to partner with them), once Goodwill funding is secured. This will determine how long Goodwill staffing will be able to support our programming.
-work together to build employability skills
-target audience is students in CPP and essential level pathways
-set up will be room 159 (former music room)
-work stations will include inventory, shelving
-"store" concept will not be open to the public
-will open an opportunity for regular Eco Swap / Thrift events
-will be connected to Career Studies curriculum
-CPP participate regularly in school coop opportunities (ie. cafeteria)

*Secured 5 sections for second semester
-phys, civics, grade 12 history, grade 10 English, grade 11 law
-HR could place teachers in the above positions, otherwise will be posted

*Financial Literacy - -100% success rate (higher than 70%)
-counts towards final grade in Career Students (5%), and a graduation requirement
-first cohort to participate in this test

*Grade 9 EQAO
-not required for graduation
-mark does count towards overall final grade in Grade 9 Math.

*OSSLT tomorrow and next day
-not part of student's grade in English
… also have opportunity to write next semester

*Well Being and Anti-Bullying Prevention Team
-Kim Hou and Jessica are parents who are part of the team
… hope to get more students involved, and then creating sub-committees within the team
-Have Your Say student survey results guide work.
… we showed students the results, and worked with classes to review 'what they saw'
… classes filled out a google sheet, ran thoughts through gemini to create an action plan of 'what can students do? personal information was redacted before entering info into Gemini
-last year, board put a 'pause' on the Have Your Say Survey
… our board will do it again in the Spring, with standardized questions
-worked with common strengths and suggestions from previous year, in combination with students to come up with concrete student actions
… working with Well-Being team and Student Groups to enact plans
-always looking for more students to work with to support mental health, kindness, and learn about the various resources in our school
- Have Your Say results were shared with parent council members via email.

*Using Technology to support Work
-need to keep the human in the loop
-kids know when to use it
-model safe / appropriate use

*Grade 8 Night - Nov. 25, 6:30pm
-box of lanyards, pens for parent giveaways
-Parent Council will set up a table
-table cloth and banner will be used

5. Committee Updates

a. Fundraising
b. Events
c. Other Updates

6. New Business

Next Meetings:
Feb. 17, 2027 - virtual
May 19, 2027 - in person

7. Questions/Discussion

*lighting in the parking lot
-safety for people walking through
Facilities Dept will review for adjustment

*Drop off for Students
-painting of new lines was done
-working on getting new signs as well

*SHSM
-starts in grade 11, and goes through grade 12
-bundled courses that students can select
-students get a red seal on their diploma; extra certifications
-arts, electrical, business, manufacturing
-if only one school offers the SHSM (ie. electrical), only kids in the SHSM can take the course
-some SHSM requirement course (ie. drama), other students can take the classes as well
-often schools that have SHSMs have unique programs due to the funding

*College Fair
-after covid, high schools partnered with colleges, and they were hosted at the post secondary school
-this year, we went back to the former model of hosting the career / colleges here
… parents were impressed with the numerous booths they got to connect with

8. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:00pm