

Parent Council Meeting April 13, 2026	
Welcome and Introductions	Val - Principal Teena - Co-Chair Rebecca - Chair Alicia - Events Organizer Leilan - Environmental Chair Kate - Secretary Cat - Library Committee Haley - Communications Officer Paul - PAL
Approval of Agenda	Approved
Approval of last month's minutes	Approved
Business arising from last week's minutes	None
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Remember cheque requisition and deposit procedures ● Shade structure options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Henderson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SQ-08-SW-2P – Two Footings Required ○ Steelworx Two Post Square 8' Shelter, 7'8" Eave Height, 4:12 Roof Pitch, ○ Polyester powder coated with 24 GA Multi Rib Roof ○ Customer COST - \$ 14,280.00 ○ Freight - \$ 2,500.00 ○ Total of 16,780.00 ● Blue Imp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8' Gazebo style with 6 legs and footings ○ Total of 20,025.86 ● Buddy Bench: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Powder Coat (lasts longer outside) \$1,000-\$15,000 +tax and freight ○ Vinyl Coated Steel \$500-\$900 +tax and freight ● We can seek a loan for playground equipment through the Board. ● This cost does not include installation - LDSB would likely be involved and likely the Board collaborates with the

	<p>contracted installation company to ensure the installation meets warranty standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rebecca to f/u with the board to ask about installation requirements so that we can estimate the total cost appropriately. ● Buddy bench will be installed at the same time. Will have a plaque installed after the bench installation. ● The rectangular shade structure option seems appropriate - should we reach out to the kinder teachers for input? <p>Spirit Wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need to find out where the money has gone in the past. ● Centennial spirit wear went to the library - \$700.42 in the second-round. ● Kate to follow-up with PrimeTime to get it going.
Principal's Report	<p>Cost of end-of-year field trips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cost always includes entry fee plus price of the bus. ● Upper Canada Village (Gr 3), RKY, trolleys (Gr 1), Zoo (Gr 2), Tree Top Trekking (Gr 4) ● Consider a sliding-scale with supplementation for other children if that is available to families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to be transparent about the cost - the actual cost and the contributions of the school, parent council, and what parents are asked to pay. ○ Two years ago there was funding available for the school to cover the trips from the non-Boards fund and it was more than \$20,000. ○ Bingo money can be used toward field trips. ○ Also may consider selling the leftover lunch bags to contribute to this. ○ Can we subsidize the field trips so that it does not cost more than a certain amount (e.g., \$50) ○ Val will reach out to teachers to ask what kind of support/subsidy would be most helpful, then we can finish this discussion in May.
Teachers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planning trips. ● The enrichment workshops went over very well and kids enjoyed them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can we possibly keep a program like this going? ● Intramural soccer is now happening for primary students in an effort to reduce injuries. It is going well. Using half of the

	<p>yard and Gr 6 students are acting as referees. They have pinnies. 10 teams all together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Organized soccer has reduced incidents and injuries on the field. ○ The juniors are now interested in organizing their own soccer league. ○ Can parent council provide some money for referee pinnies? Approved. Haley will order these from Amazon (5) and will be reimbursed by PC.
<p>Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pop Cycle - will get an email update this week. ● Spring Bling - may be postponed until June for the BBQ. Rideau alumni are also invited to participate. ● Track and Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This year we need to purchase more treats and pizzas - last year everything sold out. ○ Teena to let Val know what will be available and we will put it on School Day. ○ Only cheese pizza - \$2.50/slice? Or increase the sale price \$0.50 from last year. ○ Big sour keys - 2 for \$1.00 ○ Chips ○ Parent Council will fund the purchase of the supplies. ● BBQ - Poutine (Fry Way), Pizza, Kona ice cream <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Looking into buying a cotton candy machine and a large popcorn machine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Cost ranges from \$179 and up for cotton candy machines - average about \$300 for commercial versions on Amazon. ● Kinder Social - organized by Sarah and Michael <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Haley to follow-up and get info and a write-up to share with parents/teachers. ○ Tables with community organizations. ○ Haley will have a table with snacks and will talk about the snack bins. ○ Also will have a table for Parent Council and will provide information about Fundscrip. ○ Consider serving and selling popcorn if we have a popcorn machine.
<p>Fundraising Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Domino's - 22 orders went in ● Flipgive - 323.90, Fundscrip 374.09

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mme Sveinson, Mme Gazdik are retiring. Mme Norris is going on sabbatical. Mme Kim is also retiring. ● Rebecca to ask Christian how much we typically spend and Rebecca will purchase gift cards from Fundscrip.
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Balance is \$26,000.57?
Env Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bulbs are starting to sprout! ● Adult volunteers will be helping with the garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning some prep days ○ Vegetables will be planted. One of the parents is going to plant asparagus. This will take a few years to get started (2028). ○ Leilan has volunteers to water over the summer ● Consider a seedling sale at the year-end BBQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leilan and another parent will start some seedlings and bring them to sell. ○ Vegetable, flower and herb seedlings. ○ Advertise this in the newsletter and look for additional volunteers to start seedlings.
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Graduating class gift - We put aside \$1000 and only spent \$575 last year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider class photo again - looking for a paper frame for these. ○ But the bags were not good quality - consider something else. ● PIC - no updates ● Food Share - a few lunchbags were downgraded and are no longer required. ● TEAMS contact from LDSB. ● BINGO - by the time the next batch of volunteers are trained we will be at capacity for volunteers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Earning PC \$1200/month.
Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A
Take-Aways	
Adjournment and next meeting	May 5, 2026