

**Elizabeth Simcoe Jr. Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, February 12, 2026 – Library | 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Attendance:

Amanda Young, Chantal Elward, Elizabeth Hyland, Katie Eley, Megan Fitzpatrick, Paula Liu, Raluca Kostovski, Rebecca Ho, Robyn Bluestein, Ruth Coulter, Tammy Hewitt, Colleen Leung, Jonathan Cheevers, Suganthi Suntharalingam

Regrets:

Amanda Formentini, Julia Lakats, Yana Verbitskana, Kim Rogers, Melanie McLeod, Molly Christie, Shannon Brandeis, Tricia Davey, Mary Filson, Sharif Mohammed, Stuart Rogers, Vladimir Gagovski

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement - Katie

- The TDSB Land Acknowledgement was read: We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples.

2. Approval of Minutes – Katie

- Katie moved to approve the January 22, 2026 Minutes; Colleen seconded the motion.

3. Principal's Report – Ruth

- Parent-teacher interviews are happening today and tomorrow; report cards were sent out on Tuesday.
- The steel panelist event was a big success, with discussions on the instrument's background and history, and a recent trip to Trinidad.
- Inspiration Republic presented on equity and inclusion, with age-appropriate content for juniors and a virtual tour of Buxton, Ontario for primaries. Well received.
- Olympian visitors at the end of January were very well-received, with presentations by Billy Bridges and Kailyn Irwin that included pictures from the Olympic village, backstories about how medals are made – some students also received autographs and took pictures with the Olympians.
 - Thank you to Yana for organizing!
 - Only feedback noted was around the school's lack of accessibility.

4. Sunshine Update – Kim

- Kim sends her regrets. The deadline for March Break registration is tomorrow, with summer camp registration to follow soon.

5. Treasurer's Report – Megan

- \$1500 spent for Olympians visit.
- \$1536 approved for gym speakers via virtual vote.
- TV and Pancake breakfast added to the budget for \$750.
- Pizza lunch revenue just under \$9K for each phase (#1-5 and #6-10).
- Current account balance is shy of \$10K.
- Front entrance TV to be purchased this week. Carpenter will install it – budget allocation to come from TDSB budget.
- Potential purchase of a projector for the new gym to be discussed at future meeting.

Pancake Breakfast - Elizabeth

- Moved to March 27th to accommodate students fasting for Ramadan.
- Funds have been approved; volunteer and supply requests will go out closer to the date.

Theatrics Program - Elizabeth

- Weeks of March 30 or April 6 discussed; March 30 preferred to avoid conflict with Nitwits.
- Two workshops per class, each class individually.
- Theatrics Camp opens next Tuesday – for anyone interest in registering.

Rocks and Rings - Katie

- Schedule for March 4/5 confirmed – Ms. Navratil putting together a class schedule; invoice to be received a week before, and forwarded to Megan for processing.
- Students attending the class trip on March 4 to be accommodated on March 5th.

Nit Wits - Katie

- Scheduled for April 10th.

Pollinate TO Grant - Amanda F .

- Grant write-up completed; needs a letter of support – Ms. Coulter to manage.
- Staff have indicated interest and will support with the project if grant is secured.
- Submission to happen in November 2026, for 2027 grant.

Spring Movie Night - Katie/Megan

- Confirmed for April 24; details to remain the same.
- Vote on movie selection postponed - to happen virtually; additional recommendations needed. Note that, Prime movies are most flexible for downloads.
 - In Your Dreams – either level
 - K Pop Demon Hunters
 - Live action Lilo & Stitch – primary
 - DogMan – either level
 - Minecraft – may only be available through Crave
 - Zootopia 2
 - Bad Guys 2 – junior
 - Rookie of the Year - junior
 - The Wild Robot - primary

Social Media Presentation - Megan *Vote

- Paul Davis available in the fall; cost is \$1750+HST.
- Presentation for grades 4-6 during the day and for parents in the evening – opportunity to extend evening presentation to other elementary schools in the neighbourhood. Location TBD based on number of attendees and construction status.
- Voting passed unanimously.

News and Views - Robyn

- Nothing to note.

Fundraising Updates

Pizza Lunches - Elizabeth

- Orders completed – approx. 248 families participated
- Orders with different pizza options are being well managed
- Manual options for missed deadlines discussed and can be accommodated, though compliance with due dates is encouraged.
- Sponsored orders have been paid in full at the beginning of the year – any late sign-ups requiring sponsorship to be looked into.

Fun Fair - Robyn/Chantal

- Volunteer sign up to commence; various roles and tasks to be assigned.
- **Silent Auction:** Megan and Afsana to volunteer.
- **Drinks & Ice purchase:** Tammy and Elizabeth volunteered.
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** Katie to manage.
- **Fun Food Station** – Elizabeth and Raluca to volunteer.
 - Cotton candy will be premade this year; same cost, more efficient.
 - May want to investigate Kernels bagged popcorn vs. freshly popped.
 - High school volunteers may be better suited for handing out drinks.
 - Consider organizing line-ups to avoid bottlenecks.
- **Book Sale:** TBD if keeping it; typically makes \$600-800 – full profit as books are donated. Consider scaling down space for it.
- **Craft Room:** Needs a volunteer.
- **Emergency vehicles:** Molly previously volunteered.
- **Face Painting:** Megan to seek out artists. Face paint already secured.
- **Food Trucks:** Elizabeth to coordinate.
- **Bake Sale:** Tammy coordinating. Secured a few volunteer bakers from Venvi Guildwood. Investigating ownable Simcoe item for sale (e.g. Poplar's Strawberry Tarts).
- **Classroom Baskets:** To be coordinated at the first Fun Fair meeting on February 26th.
- **Games:** Paula may volunteer again; Colleen to assist.
- **Dunk Tank:** Better ticketing system being investigated. Multiple volunteers are needed for efficient management.
- **Photo Booth:** Likely to happen again.
- Social media blast and school messenger to be sent out in advance of the February 26th meeting. Volunteers expected to honour their commitment if signing up.
- Sponsorship letters to go out soon; fundraising goal to be included.
- Contract for the main event to be finalized; DJ cost is \$75 more than last year.
- Feedback that announcements of games need to be louder noted.

Other business

- Training from the Parent Engagement Office: Schedule to be shared over email.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2026