

HIGHVIEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

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MINUTES

School Council Meeting

February 24, 2026 – 6:15 pm in the library and MS Teams

Council Executives: Chair: Heather Harms, Co-Chair: Sandra Montgomery, Secretary: Serene Hunt, Treasurer: Jenny Bognar

Principal: Ms. Jackie Welsh Vice Principal: Ms. Vanessa Swan

1. Call to order/Welcome/Regrets J. Welsh and H. Harms

- The February 24th, 2026, meeting was called to order by H. Harms at 6:26 pm.

ATTENDEES: Heather Harms, Sandra Montgomery, Jenny Bognar, David Speicher, Mike Merifield

ONLINE: Dianne McIntyre

SMS COMMUNICATION: Nicole Murphy

REGRETS: Suzanne Douglas, Shannon Hully, Stacy Winger, Melissa Noble

HIGHVIEW REPRESENTATION: J. Welsh

2. Approval of minutes from January meeting H. Harms

- H. Harms motioned to accept meeting minutes from January. J. Bognar seconded this motion. All in favour. Motion passed.

3. Principal Report & Staff Report J. Welsh

- J. Welsh shared a land acknowledgement that the students of Highview have prepared and displayed in the main hallway of Highview.
- With recent Olympic events, each day there have been announcements with daily activities.
- Each class was assigned a Country to research and prepare a cheer or other type of representation to share in the gymnasium. All classes gathered to do so. Some classes

prepared hats and flags. A torch was also created with a fake flame which truly engaged the students.

- Pink shirt day is tomorrow. Grade 8 students will run an activity in individual classrooms to enhance engagement.
- Ramadan is occurring. Students that are honoring this and fasting traditions have been invited to meet in the learning commons to avoid distraction while other students are on nutrition break.
- In regards to parking concerns, City of Hamilton Bylaw will now attend unannounced to patrol Highview and surrounding streets.
- Grade 8 students have received their Highschool enrollment option forms. Highview continues to support these decisions.
- Highview is assessing data from testing their students to identify gaps in learning and to create an improvement plan for teachers to support students.
- Kinder classes will have more focused table top activities.
- Grades 1 and 2 will have Acadia learning with a similar focus to kinder.
- Ms. Bell is working with teachers at Highview on human rights, antiracism, and Indigenous learning. This focus will also include how to navigate conversations surrounding the topics.
- Literacy and math interventions are occurring in grades 6 through 8.
- Ms. Swan is meeting with Edge photography to plan 2026-2027 student picture day.
- Teachers have been planning the end of year trips.

4. Online Business Recap

H. Harms

- November 23rd - S. Hunt motioned to purchase extra Amazon stock for Holiday Market (\$1 Husky buck table) for \$210.00. D. McIntyre seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
- November 30th - H. Harms motioned to purchase movie passes for Cinnabon Fundraiser prizes for \$50.00 and \$30.00 towards pizza parties. J. Bognar seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
- December 2nd - J. Bognar motioned to spend \$1650.00 to subsidize \$10/student for grades 6-8 to go see Avatar movie. H. Harms seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
- December 3rd - J. Bognar motioned to move funds from SC Enhancement Donations Account to SC Spirit Wear Account to bring account to zero. H. Harms seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
- December 8th - J. Bognar motioned to purchase popcorn and craft supplies for the junior hallway (grades 3-5 - 150 kids) for joy day celebrations. N. Murphy seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
- December 9th - J. Bognar motioned to give Mme. B \$102.48 for holiday rotation craft activities. S. Hunt seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
- December 9th - J. Bognar motioned to give Ms. Sakins \$100.00 to purchase craft supplies, popcorn and cups for joy day rotation activities. H. Harms seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
- December 9th - J. Bognar motioned to fund Ms. Polgar and Ms. Nantais' classes \$120.00 to hire an artist from Dundas Valley School of art for painting class and \$50.00 for gingerbread house supplies for joy day activities. S. Hully seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.

- December 16th - J. Bognar motioned to purchase 10 laptops for \$5500.00. H. Harms seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
- December 16th - J. Bognar motioned to fund \$50.00 for Ms. Harvies and Ms. Mcleans classes to purchase gingerbread houses supplied for joy day activities. S. Hully seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
- January 14th - H. Harms asked everyone's thoughts on doing another movie night? Suggested Jan. 22nd before PA day but everyone agreed might be too late notice and we'd try for a later date. But everyone agreed that we should do another one as families love the event.
- January 22nd - H. Harms motioned to host another pancake day at Highview. D. Speicher seconded. Majority in favour. Motion passed.

5. Treasurer's Report

J. Bognar

JANUARY OPENING

SC Cinnabon	\$722.00
SC Dominos Hot Lunch	\$563.00
SC Eco Initiatives	\$953.87
SC Enhancement Donations	\$1,768.49
SC Holiday Market	\$1,137.83
SC Pizza General	\$4,417.24
SC School Council Purchases	\$188.61
24-25 SC Pizza Fundraising	\$146.41
SC Spirit Wear	\$0.00
SC Trip Subsidy	\$8.84
SC Value Village Fundraiser	\$123.53
	\$10,029.82

<u>JANUARY SPENDING</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Spent</u>
Jan. 21	Hot Chocolate Day	\$200.00
Jan. 21	Craft Club	\$100.00
Jan. 21	Supplies for Movie Night Concession Stand	\$200.00

FEBRUARY OPENING

SC Cinnabon	\$722.00
SC Dominos Hot Lunch	\$940.45
SC Eco Initiatives	\$953.87
SC Enhancement Donations	\$1,768.49
SC Holiday Market	\$1,137.83
SC Little Caesars	\$0.00
SC Movie Night	\$0.00
SC Pizza General	\$6,122.24
SC School Council Purchases	\$0.00
SC Spirit Wear	\$0.00
SC Stacked Pancake	\$351.40
SC Trip Subsidy	\$8.84
SC Value Village	\$123.53
24-25 SC Pizza Fundraising	\$0.00
	\$12,128.65

EAR MARKED TO BE PAID STILL

LAPTOPS	\$5,500.00
FEB. 24TH PIZZA DAY PAYMENT	\$706.16
HOT CHOCOLATE DAY SUPPLIES	\$316.87
MOVIE NIGHT CONCESSION STAND SUPPLIES	\$200.00
AVAILABLE TO SPEND	\$5,405.62

Given the low attendance for tonight's meeting, a discussion was held regarding how many votes are indeed required in order to pass a motion. A few new members have not regularly attended meetings and have not submitted their regrets for said meetings. It was decided

collaboratively to remove these members from parent council and to proceed with 11 voting members (from 15). These members will receive private communication from H. Harms.

When meetings are in low attendance, half of the voting members are required in order to cast a vote. Of this half, the majority of votes will be considered and will pass a motion. With 7 members present, the parent council is able to motion and vote this evening.

SEVERAL VOTES FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS

1. Vote to spend \$430.00 on a science activity hosted by Mrs. Harvie, Mrs. Polgar, and Mrs. Nantis. H. Harms motioned. J. Bognar seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
2. Vote to spend \$226 for transportation for students to attend an event named "Police in the Park". H. Harms motioned. J. Bognar seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
3. Vote to spend \$120 for art supplies for Mrs. Harvie and Mrs. Mclean. H. Harms motioned. M. Merrifield seconded. Motion passed.
4. Vote to spend \$1000 on new gym DPA equipment. Mr. Cochrane will donate the older equipment for outdoor DPA. H. Harms motioned. J. Bognar seconded. Majority (7) in favour. Motion passed.
5. Vote to spend \$117 for overage from the Olympic hot chocolate event. S. Hunt motioned. S. Montgomery seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
6. Vote to view "Super Mario Brothers" at the March Highview Movie Night. H. Harms motioned. J. Bognar seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
7. Discussion begins regarding Mr. Du hosting a spring concert at Sherwood High School. He is requesting that the parent council consider a fundraising event to be hosted in the lobby of Sherwood High School at this event. More discussion to follow at the next meeting.

7. Fundraising Report

H. Harms

- **Next movie night:** We will host another movie night on May 14, 2026. A vote will be held once Mrs. Welsh confirms that this day will be sufficient with scheduling.
- **Raise the Dough:** We will host a raise the dough event with Dominoes. Families order pizza on their own with a special code. \$5 for each order will come to Highview. The date will be April 15, 2026.
- **Value Village Fundraiser:** We will host another VV fundraiser for Thursday April 30, 2026. Details to follow.
- **Satellite Garden Center Fundraiser:** Discussion was held surrounding this fundraiser. Satellite will provide an item list for Council to determine which items we will offer for the fundraiser. To minimize confusion and omit a dedicated pick up time, students will sell gift packages that will be less expensive to purchase through the fundraiser than in store. Families will redeem their gift purchase in store before a determined date. Details to follow.

- **Mad Science:** H. Harms distributed an event list. Council to review the station options and be prepared to vote at the next meeting.

8. Other S. Hunt

- S. Hunt announced that she will be stepping down as Parent Council Secretary and will remain a voting member. With discussion, S. Hully has accepted this position with no conflicting nominees. S. Hunt motioned to accept this change. J. Bognar seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.

9. Next Meeting Date H. Harms

- H. Harms motioned for the next meeting to be on March 25, 2026, at 6:15 pm. S. Hunt seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.

10. Adjournment H. Harms

- Motion to adjourn by H. Harms at 7:24 pm. S. Hunt seconded this motion. All in favour. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned.

Reg. 612/00, s. 2 (1). The purpose of school councils is, through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.

Reg. 612/00, s. 2 (2). A school council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations in accordance with this Regulation to the principal of the school and the board that established the council.