

HIGHVIEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

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MINUTES

School Council Meeting

April 15th, 2026 – 6:15 pm in the library and MS Teams

Council Executives: Chair: Heather Harms, Co-Chair: Sandra Montgomery, Secretary: Shannon Hulley, Treasurer: Jenny Bognar

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

1. Call to order/Welcome/Regrets

J. Welsh and H. Harms

- The April 15th, 2026, meeting was called to order by H. Harms at 6:25 pm.

ATTENDEES: Nicole, Suzanne, Heather, Serene, Jenny, Mike, Melissa, Shannon, David

ONLINE: None

SMS COMMUNICATION: If applicable

REGRETS: Sandra, Venu, Courtney, Diane

HIGHVIEW REPRESENTATION: J. Welsh - Principal

2. Approval of minutes from March meeting H. Harms

- Heather motioned to accept meeting minutes from March. Jenny seconded this motion. All in favour. Motion passed.
 - Amendment: Change the word month under the minutes to March.

3. Principal Report & Staff Report J. Welsh

- Krispy Kreme fundraiser - not going great - only at about 50 dozen orders
- Grade 8 trip settled - Clifton Hill
 - Special needs bus - approx \$700 - best rate have shopped around
 - Still in booking and planning stage
- Commencement - June 24th - Carmens C hotel - doors open 330pm - starts 4pm
- Laptops arrived and have been imaged - ready to go for next week for sign out (10 total)
- Kindergarten orientation - May 7th 330-430pm / open hour 430-6pm
 - Ms. Swan to sit down with Kindergarten teachers and plan together
 - Principals requested for a PA day in September to have a meet and greet

- June 11th - concert at Sherwood (rental \$200) - waiting for response from teachers on who will participate - more commitment for teachers (larger ask) - Mr. Du potential to also open up to other schools as well (approx 430pm)
 - Tickets for concert approx \$2 - we want to book tickets to make sure we can account for numbers
 - Going to Choirfest and Bandfest - had to purchase the music
- Kindergarten trying to plan a trip to Puddicomb Farms
- Group of classes are going to Splitzville - bowling and arcade
- Intermediates going to see Rock of Ages at Sherwood

4. Online Business Recap

S. Hulley

- Voted on March 31st, 2026 for Mad Science. Activities are rattlesnake eggs, Balance birds and Cotton Candy. Heather motioned to cover the \$75 per hour extra fee for the cotton candy. Jenny seconded. 8 voted yes. Motion passed.

5. Treasurer's Report

J. Bognar

- Available to spend **\$1976.12**

MARCH OPENING	
SC Cinnabon	\$722.00
SC Dominos Hot Lunch	\$984.30
SC Eco Initiatives	\$953.87
SC Enhancement Donations	\$1,768.49
SC Holiday Market	\$706.09
SC Little Caesars	\$892.00
SC Movie Night	\$222.99
SC Pizza General	\$1,533.39
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
	\$8,266.90

MARCH SPENDING	Description	Amount Spent
March 25th	Water Polo team fee	\$50.00
March 25th	Grade 8 Grad Yearbooks	\$960.00
March 25th	Trip Subsidy (\$10.00/student)	\$5,220.00
March 31st (Online)	\$75.00/hour for Cotton Candy Rental for Mad Science	\$150.00

APRIL OPENING	
SC Cinnabon	\$722.00
SC Dominos Hot Lunch	\$611.80
SC Eco Initiatives	\$953.87
SC Enhancement Donations	\$1,768.49
SC Holiday Market	\$285.39
SC Little Caesars	\$892.00
SC Movie Night	\$222.99
SC Pizza General	\$2,880.95
SC Raise the Dough Fundraiser	\$0.00
SC Satellite Garden Fundraiser	\$0.00
SC School Council Purchases	\$0.00
SC Spirit Wear	\$0.00
SC Stacked Pancake	\$351.40
SC Trip Subsidy	\$0.00
SC Value Village	\$123.53
24-25 SC Pizza Fundraising	\$0.00
	\$8,812.42

EAR MARKED/TO BE PAID STILL	
Bus payment for Senior swim team	\$226.00
Bus payment for Police in the park	\$226.00
Harvie/Mclean DVSA artist visit	\$120.00
Science Presentations	\$430.00
Remainder of Grad Yearbooks	\$539.30
Trip Subsidy	\$5,220.00
Cotton Candy Machine Rental	\$150.00
AVAILABLE TO SPEND	\$1,901.12

VOTES FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS

1. Replacement pizza bags - up to \$200 - motion: Heather, seconded Suzie. All in favour. Motion passed.
2. If money remains at the end of the year - Kindergarten-Grade 2 wish list to purchase - on hold. Vote at a later date.

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Fundraising Report

H. Harms

- **Value Village** - Trucks required for April 30th to bring items to Value Village. J. Berrafati, Melissa, Mike M. Mike S. Dianne, Natalie (van) - we can have up to 10 trucks. David available at 2:30pm with a truck.
 - Mike potentially has a box truck to bring? Would just need volunteers to assist with loading.
 - The deck box will be at the front door for drop offs. Volunteers will empty it every morning after drop off.
- **Winter Market** - Serene - Holiday Market - sooner we do the commitment we can secure our credit - we need to sign by the end of the school year to not lose our credit.
 - Make our own flyer so that it is not Christmas themed - Serene will create
 - Vote to host the winter market - Serene motioned. Heather seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
 - Teachers requested to pick the volunteers as they would like to pick who is in a leadership position - leadership is a reward
- **Movie Night - May 14th - 6-9pm** - Vote \$250 to spend - Heather motion. Shannon seconds. All in favour. Motion passed.
- **Vote for the movie - GOAT - Heather motion. Serene seconds. All in favour. Motion passed.**
 - Everyone comes in the front door - purchase their snacks and go into the gym. Do not open the back door.
 - Give 1 warning - then shut the movie down and the night ends.
 - Jackie needs help cleaning up at the end - and asks families to clean up after themselves.
 - Grab bags for snacks to limit the selection process.
 - Jackie is concerned about movie night and children's behavior. Worried someone will get hurt. Both parents and children last time would not listen to her. Worried about liability.
 - Have a council member present throughout the whole evening to assist Jackie.
 - Put expectations for the behavior for the evening on the ads.
- **Another pancake day?** - not going forward
- Smoothie Day - Jenny to run smoothie day - Jenny to send information online
- **Currently going - Flowers Satellite** - Closes April 28th. Pick up May 7th.
 - Items we will be offering (Item \$ Cost + HST / \$ Sale Price); GC \$20/\$25, 11 inch hanging geranium \$18/\$25, 11 inch hanging mixed flowers \$20/\$27, Annual flat \$18/\$25, 4" orchid \$25/\$35, 3.5 inch herbs \$4.50/\$7, 4 inch begonias \$4/\$8, 4 inch coleus \$4/\$8, 4 inch mini roses \$6.50/\$9

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Other

- Jenny updating on Nutiriton program - getting \$3000 in gift cards to spend
 - Extra money that is donated with pizza days - new freezer was purchased
 - Nutrition program is going well

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Next Meeting Date

H. Harms

- H. Harms motioned for the next meeting to be on May 20th, 2026, at 6:15 pm. Shannon seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.
*everyone to bring a treat for the last meeting - pot luck

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Adjournment

H. Harms

- Meeting adjourned by H. Harms at 7:34pm.

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.