

Abraham Erb Public School

School Council Meeting Minutes

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Attendees

From the school: Chris Eaton

Parents and Community Members: Sreehari Pulikodan, Alex Korobkin, Hanan Alshommali, Vaidhehi Kumar, Taru Malhotra, Viridiana Hernandez.

Principal's Report

Mr. Eaton reported that EQAO results have not yet been released. On October 10, staff participated in a School Improvement Day focused on equity, literacy, and math.

The Terry Fox Run raised \$1,563.13, marking the school's best fundraising year to date. Pizza Fridays will begin this week. The appointment of the next principal is expected on November 13th.

Abraham Erb will hold an 'Out of the Ordinary Day' on October 31st. Students may wear something unusual or costumes if they wish, as long as they can participate fully in classroom and physical activities. Masks, weapon-like accessories, and culturally insensitive costumes are not allowed. Families are asked not to send treats to share due to allergies and sensitivities. The goal is to maintain a safe and inclusive environment for all students.

Teacher Reports

Kindergarten Rooms 8 and 9 went on a community walk with students from Laurel Heights Secondary School, completing a scavenger hunt. Room 6 has started weekly Wednesday walks around the neighbourhood, and all Kindergarten classes will attend the pumpkin patch trip on October 31.

Rooms 25 and 29 will visit the University of Waterloo's Engineering Outreach Program, exploring topics such as machine learning, digital agriculture, and artificial intelligence. Mme. McAllister's Grade 3/4 French Immersion class has been selected for the Drayton Entertainment Youth Academy's Drama Workshops, supported by the Astley Family Foundation.

Rooms 1 and 4 will visit Shuh Apple Orchard on October 16 to learn about apple trees and the orchard environment. Room 19 (Grade 5/6) visited the Waterloo Wellington Flight Centre, where students used a flight simulator and explored small airplanes to support their science unit on flight and structures.

The Junior Choir (Room 14) has begun rehearsing for the upcoming Remembrance Day performance with over 70 students. Mme. Morrison and Mr. Walker are exploring a Primary Choir opportunity for Grades 1–3 during nutrition breaks.

National Children's Day Discussion

The council discussed organizing an activity to commemorate National Children's Day, such as inviting a storyteller and giving students a small token. Since the cost was not approved, alternative no-cost options will be explored to make this celebration possible.

Science in the Classroom

The Science in the Classroom initiative will be taking place in the upcoming months. This program had been previously approved, and funds have already been allocated by the School Council to support it.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported a balance of \$11,148. No funds have been received or spent during the past month.

It was noted that \$750 had been previously approved for the purchase of new physical education equipment; however, this purchase has not yet been completed, and the funds remain allocated for that purpose.

The School Council also approved the appointment of a **new treasurer, Sreehari Pulikodan**.