

School Council - Abraham Erb Public School

Minutes – January 21, 2026.

Location: Virtual Meeting

1. Attendance

In Attendance:

- Chair: V. Rodriguez
- Principal: P. Berndt
- Staff Representative: M. Wentworth
- Community Members: V. Kumar, T. Malhotra

Regrets:

- S. Pulikodan
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2. Principal & Staff Report

Leadership Updates

- Ms. Krista Mohr Beamish will assume the role of **new Principal on February 2, 2026**.
- Transition meetings are complete, and school visits are currently underway.

School Operations

- **Traffic and parking concerns** were discussed, with continued misuse of **staff parking** by parents highlighted.
- **Kindergarten registration:** 15 students registered so far; families encouraged to promote registration within the community.
- **French Immersion:** Registration deadline is approaching for Grade 1 students entering Grade 2.

Programming & Planning

- Teachers are considering the **use of student planners** for the next school year and have noted ordering timelines.
- An **ECE playground injury** was reported.

Community & School Initiatives

- The **Tree of Warmth and Giving** initiative was successful, supporting families within the school and across Kitchener–Waterloo through toy and food donations.

Clubs & Extracurricular Activities

- **Chess Club** continues successfully.
- **Junior Choir** is preparing for the Kodály Concert.
- An **after-school Basketball Club** will launch in **February 2026**.

Field Trips & Learning Activities

- Recent and upcoming trips include:
 - *Cinderella Panto*
 - Outdoor Education biodiversity programming
 - Ongoing **Scientists in the School** workshops

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Upcoming Events

- **Annual Art Show:** Approved for **February 26 & 27, 2026**. During the meeting council approved \$50 dollars to be used for things needed to set up such as decorations , tape , among other items needed for set up.
 - **Science Fair:** Proposed for **late May** (pending final confirmation).
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3. Next Meeting

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for **February 18, 2026**.

4. Closing & Adjournment

Motion: V. Rodriguez

– Carried-

The meeting was **adjourned at 8:00 PM**.