Abraham Erb School Council Meeting
October 14, 2026, 6-7 pm
Meeting Minutes

Present: Miranda Evans, Viri Hermandez, Krista Mohr Beamish, Shelley Carey, Wenje Huang - Settlement Worker and community representative, Barnabus Abraham, Susie Elkadri, Eviny Teja, Vaidhehi Kumar community representative, Bonita Menezes, Nikita Mongroo, Chao Yan, Mai Maan

1. Welcome, Introduction, Miranda Evans 6:00-6:05
And Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approve Minutes 6:05- approved unanimously

3. Idea Box And Looking Ahead Miranda and Viridiana Rodriguez, 6:05-6:10
- Ways to share ideas, events and activities for future plans and meetings
- Hoping to plan future community events for parents and kids
- We need your help and support
- No idea is too small!

4. **Welcome Vedhehi**- Community Rep- have been involved in school since 2012, grandchildren went here, and volunteered at the school before 2020. Like to help with funds and donations, has volunteered with Strong Start.

5. **Welcome YMCA Newcomer Settlement Worker** Wenje Huang - Community Rep
6:10-6:15PM
- Considered a bridge between the school and parents
- Service is individual- newcomer information package with general information of services for families
- It depends on the immigration status
- Not for profit organization - supports newcomers with access to programs and services based on eligibility and the needs of the individual families
- Wenje works at Abe Erb every Friday from 8:30am- 4:00pm

5. **Treasurer Report** Eviny Teja 6:15-6:20
- Balance- $6589.00

6. **Pro Grant Idea** Viridiana Rodriguez 6:20-6:30
- Parents Reaching Out Grant from Ontario Government for schools to do events to involve parents
- Goal is to strengthen connection between families and school
- Proposal- organize a Family Curriculum night “Ontario Elementary School 101” 2 hour event in January
- Possible Topics:
    Report Cards- what do they mean?
    EQAO- what does it mean?
    What resources are there to support my child at home?
    Acadience/Reading Assessments-
    Front Door/Camino
    WPL
    Public Health and Vaccination Information and Outreach

Goal- for parents to feel informed, confident and involved in their child’s education

Nov 20- application deadline for PRO Grant
$ can be used to bring in someone from another organization to talk about mental health, how to support struggling students.
Sub- Committee would be needed to prepare for this event
Considerations- possible child-minding, for families with younger children, interpreters

Vote: 8 votes in favour
Sub-Committee members: Wenje, Krista to ask for Sub-Committee members on School Day

7. **Movie Night Fundraiser** Miranda Evans 6:30-6:35

- Would like a community building event
- We have a license through Criterion on Demand
- Hold it in January- less to do outside in the community
- Hoping to see what movies are available. . . want kids to vote
- Will be free to enter and will have concessions based on # of concessions
- Parents to need to attend with the children
- Fundraising from concessions to go towards technology in the school
- Max occupancy of the gym-

Vote: all in favour
Sub-Committee:

8. **Book Fair** Viridiana Rodriguez 6:35-6:40

- Scholastic Bookfair in December- school library
- Invite community into school, encourage reading
- Dec 3-9
- Dec 3- set-up date
- Dec 4- Class preview day
- Dec 7-8- 8am-5pm sales are open- families welcome before/after school
- Dec 9- close fair at noon
- Volunteers Needed- 3 per shift

9. **Teachers Report Teacher Representative** - Shelley Carey 6:40-6:50

Room 1 & 2
The Grade 3 and 3/4 French Immersion classes will be going on a field trip to Steckle Heritage Farm next week. We will learn about different land types and soil.

Some updates from Mrs. Barlow

The grade one students will be starting the CanSkate program at RIM Park this week. Thank you to Mrs. Monette for organizing this for all the grade 1 students. Mrs. Barlow will stay at school with the grade 2 students and do some fun, hands-on activities. There might even be some baking!

Mrs. Barlow is starting a new Strong Start session for the school. Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will be assisted during this round. The spring Strong Start session will service students in Senior Kindergarten who are struggling to read.

Home Reading has started for many of the primary classrooms. This is a great opportunity for parents to read with their children at home to help develop those beginning reading skills.

The grade 6's from rooms 18 and 19 have started popcorn sales. All proceeds go to raising funds for grade 6 camp. You can preorder on School Day

Room 19, 18, 16, 29 and 26 have transitioned into the new classroom organizations beautifully. Students have shown great resilience and have tackled this with a positive attitude. Thanks to the parents and families for showing so much support during this tricky time.

On October 23rd, Grade 5 and 6 students will be participating in the student vote. Students have been busy learning about the upcoming municipal election and are looking forward to this opportunity to experience voting firsthand!

Greetings from the Library - Overdue notices are starting to go home for books - we are seeing an increase in damaged books being returned, so will be highlighting the responsibility of borrowing and taking care of our books that go home.

10. **Principal Report Ms. Mohr**

- Greetings from Evelyn Luond, Swiss principal. She had a great week at Abe Erb!
- IEPs are being finalized and will be sent home soon to families
- Pizza Days have started (Fridays) and will continue until winter break.
- Boundary Review information has been shared on the board and school website and the first in person public meeting will occur on October 20 at Vista Hills at 6pm. All are welcome.
- Our Settlement Worker is once again Wenje Huang from the YWCA
- Our re-organization began last week with the addition of a new junior class- Gr 5B and the hiring of Mr. Miller
- Junior Choir is starting this week- Thursdays after school for Gr 4-6 students
- Monday Oct 26th- Municipal election at the school AND PD Day- no classes or extended day program
- Friday Oct 30th- Out of the Ordinary Spirit Day
- FridayOct 30th- wall mounted TVs being installed in Kindergarten classrooms
- November- volleyball intramurals are coming for junior students (at recess time)
- November 16- progress reports go home

11. **Closing Comments**, Viridiana Rodriguez 7:00

Next Meeting- November 11, 6-7 pm in school library