Minto Clifford Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	March 3rd, 2026	Time:	6:00pm
Minutes Prepared By:	Katie Weed	Location:	in person
Attendees			
Executive Members:	Jenna Squires, Katie Weed, Olivia Yemam		
School Members:	Naomi McCulloch, Marianne Millsap		
Voting Members:	Sam Greer		
Virtual Members:			
Public Members:	none		
Agenda Items, Notes, Decisions			
Topic	Discussion		
Welcome	Welcome & Introductions - Review Agenda & Determine Additions - Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Motion to approve the agenda: Motion by Katie Second by Olivia Approved Motion to approve the January meeting minutes: Motion by Sam Second by Olivia Approved		
Principal/ Teacher update	Teacher & Principal Report -Student Activities & Events ● Book Buffet: To celebrate Family Literacy Day all students who were interested were able to pick a book from the books that were donated. Thank you to our families who donated books. ● Intermediate Art Club: A group of students are meeting every Monday. ● Cookie Campaign: Throughout the month of February, students enjoyed receiving a cookie that was purchased to support the Breakfast program. ● Bowling: All classes have gone bowling. This program helps support Big Brothers and Big Sisters. ● Warm Fuzzy Day: This has become an annual tradition where the whole school meets in the gym to exchange warm fuzzies by tying a short yarn onto chains and sharing an appreciation. ● Olympics: Olympic fever was present at Minto. Staff took advantage of the Winter Olympics for students to research different sports, watch events live during nutrition breaks, as well as to gather with additional classes to watch the hockey medal games. ● Norwell Guidance has been in to visit our Grade 8's for course selection		

	● Winter Walk Day: Our classes participated in a winter walk day on February 4th and travelled the equivalent of seven times around the perimeter of the Town of Minto. ● Island Lake: Grade 8 trip to Island Lake participated in a variety of Indigenous games and outdoor activities including snowshoeing. ● Black Heritage Black Brilliance Black Futures: Classes participated in a wide variety of activities during the month of February. A slideshow is included in the March newsletter showcasing student's experiences. ● Pink Shirt Day: recognized on February 25 is a day dedicated to raising awareness for anti-bullying initiatives and promoting a healthy self-esteem for everyone. ● Sex Trafficking Presentation for Grade 7's: On Monday April 13th Rural Women's Shelter from Guelph Wellington will be using an interactive tool that allows youth to experience what it feels like to be targeted and recruited by a sex trafficker through an immersive chat experience. It features scenarios based on real-life experience which helps students learn the skills they need to stay safe. ● Cuddle Up and Read: Approximately 40 students in Grade 1 through 8 have been spending time curling up and reading in the Library every Day 1. ● Grade 3 Art Club: Interested students have now completed two projects with Miss Simmons. A fidget keychain and an origami cat. ● Literless Lunch: Our school participated in a literless lunch week. The goal of the week was to help inform ourselves about the amount of garbage we create. ● Chess Club: Mr Ellis continues to work with students who are interested in playing chess twice a week. They are now starting tournament play working towards identifying the players who will be heading to the UGDSB Chess Tournament later this year. ● Upcoming & Ongoing Events ● Empowerment Day: Grade 7&8 students will be going to the Drayton Theatre to participate in Empowerment Day filled with relevant motivational speakers, presenters, and performers. ● Skating: Grades 1-8 will be going skating over the next few weeks. Skating has been paid for through pizza and sub sales. ● Grade 8 Grad Photos are on Thursday, March 12 ● Sports Day: Our LRC classes will be going to Elora to participate in a variety of sports activities. This event leads into the Special Olympics. ● March Break: March 16 - 20 ● Rock You Socks Day: March 21 for World Down Syndrome Day ● Skills Canada: Mr. Novikow is starting to work with our junior and intermediate students with the Vex Robotics to form the teams that will be travelling to the competition in April. ● Sideline Basketball (Gr 4-6): Sign up and tryouts will be starting after March Break with Mrs. Werth. ● Earth Hour: We will be recognizing Earth Hour on March 27 by turning out the lights from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. ● Talent Show: TBD ● K-8 Rock Climbing: Will be here April 20-23. ● Programs & Updates ● Report Cards: Available online as of February 18. If you are having trouble accessing your child's report card online please contact the office. ● Food Orders for Term 3 closed on Friday, February 27

	● Hot Dog Days are back for the month of April. School cash online opens Wednesday, March 4 and closes Monday, March 23rd. More details can be found in the school newsletter and school cash online. ● The Children's Foundation's "Live Free Campaign" has concluded. Thank you to all of our families who made a donation towards our breakfast program. The total raised was $779.00 ● Child Abuse Presentations: Will be occuring in all classrooms in April. Information letters will be coming home soon. ● Staffing Updates: ○ Kay Garrard (Gr ⅝) has taken a leave, LTO to be determined ○ Chelsea Pieper for Jessica MacKenzie-Brush (Planning) on Day 3 ○ Kaitlynn Verkley (Gr ⅛) has returned from maternity leave, we wish Alannah Bondy-Walsh all the best on her next adventure ○ Ainsley Whitehead was hired as an EA LTO A Few Reminders… ● Vaccinations: Parents/guardians are responsible for updating records with Public Health. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health has emailed families of students with incomplete vaccine records. Please check your inbox and spam for wdgnotifications@wdgpublichealth.ca. Please be aware, March 20, 2026 is the deadline to update records to avoid suspension. ● Police Record Checks: If you would like the opportunity to volunteer at the school, or participate in class trips, a current Vulnerable Police Check is required. Please ask your child's teacher or reach out to the VP, John Lindsay at john.lindsay@ugdsb.on.ca for the necessary letter needed to apply online. There could be a 4 to 6 week wait to receive your Vulnerable Police Check from the OPP. ● Spring PIC Event: April 16 at Centre Wellington District High School (CWDHS). For more information, please check the event invitation, which includes the agenda and a link to the RSVP form. ● PRO Grant Application: Applications for the Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant are due by Friday, February 13, 2026. This is an opportunity for school councils to access up to $1,000 of funding to support specific priorities. Please see this supporting document.
Financial Update	- Olivia provided an update. It's been quiet besides the fundraisers. Account balance just shy of $24,000 - Each class gets roughly $250 for classroom spending for classroom resources. The request list is attached below. - Motion to: contribute $125 towards each class' year end trips this year, to re-evaluate each year. Motion By: Jenna Second by: Sam CARRIED - Mabel's Label's fundraiser raised $200 towards kindergarten expenses - $50 per club to a maximum of $500 total for club expenses. Including Art clubs, Minto Pride, Chess club, Track and field ribbons, etc.

CLASSROOM REQUESTS - $250				
Grade	**Staff Member**	**Purpose**	**Approved**	**Used**
KA	Stefanie Richardson	Scientist in the SChools	March 2026	
KB	Jennifer Dewar	Scientist in the Schools	March 2026	
KC	Tanya Domm	Scientist in the Schools	March 2026	
1A	Lynne Lytle	Scientist in the Schools	March 2026	
1B	Taylor Stewart	Scientist in the Schools	March 2026	
2A	Heather Waechter	Scientist in the Schools	March 2026	
23B	My Linh Huynh	Scientist in the Schools	March 2026	
3A	Jessica Meulensteen	Scientist in the Schools	March 2026	
34C	Peggy Newman	Scientist in the Schools	March 2026	
45A	Kaitlynn Verkley	Scientist in the Schools	March 2026	
45B	Josh Ellis	Scientist in the Schools	March 2026	
56C	Kay Garrard	Grade 6 Scientist W Gr 6's from McLaughlin	January 2026	X
56D	Kelly Werth	Grade 6 Scientist w Gr 6's from McLaughlin	January 2026	X
56 E	Josie McLaughlin	Scientist in the Schools (Hopefully for Grade 5's)	March 2026	
7A	Andrew Rogers	Classroom Library, Games, Drama Props/Supplies	March 2026	
7B	Charlene Martin	Class set of Directional Compasses to use in Geography	March 2026	

8A	Angela Novikow	Classroom Library & Pneumatic kit and add on for robotics	March 2026	
8B	Justin Novikow	Classroom Library & Pneumatic kit and add on for robotics	March 2026	
LRC1 0A	Michelle Dafoe	Scientist in the School (*combined class)*	March 2026	
LRC1 0B	Nicole West	LEGO and Classroom building resources	March 2026	

CLUB FUNDING REQUEST - $50.00

	Club/Team	Staff Member	Purpose	Approved	Used
1	Butterfly Garden	Peggy Newman	Landscape Fabric for the garden	January 2026	
2	MCPS Pride	Ashley Ferguson	Pride Picnic Resources	March 2026	
3	Band	Charlene Martin	Towards purchase of “The Final Countdown” music.	March 2026	
4	Intermediate Art Club	Charlene Martin	New paint brushes for a painting on canvas project.	March 2026	
5	Grade 3 Art Club	Amanda Simmons	Towards the purchase of rug hooks for a project. Needs 4 pks to have 12 hooks to use with the donated kits (24). Total with taxes is $54.24	March 2026	

	6	Grade 3 LEGO Club	Jenn Dewar	LEGO	March 2026	
	7	Chess Club	Josh Ellis	Towards fee for chess master at the tournament.	March 2026	
	8	Track & Field	Josie McLaughlin	T&F Ribbons	March 2026	
	9	Makerspace	Naomi McCulloch	KEVA Structures Weighted Ball Set of 4	March 2026	

MOTION TO AMEND the original motion (Nov 2025) supporting school clubs to remove travel
Motion by Jenna seconded by Sam CARRIED

Account Summary is attached below

Fundraising	- Little Caesars Profit $2,210 -order was delayed but still arrived, proceeds towards classroom experiences - Spring Meat Details - funds will go towards field trips. This will be live during April with delivery in May - Popcorn Details -this will happen in mid-March to April, 4 Fridays in May delivery - Motion to do the popcorn fundraiser again this year. Money raised will go to yearbook, graduation and clubs - Moved by: Olivia Seconded by:Sam - -Think Minto First gift cards : difficult to do with cashonline, but school can collect the payments and make the payment towards Minto. - -revisit Think Minto First in September
Summer Social	- Sam has game ideas and Naomi has sent through what was used previously. - Food will be cost neutral but our $500 budget from the PIC grant can cover games and entertainment - A fundraising letter is available on the G-drive. The excel sheet with contact information from last year is available. There will be a separate meeting to discuss the summer social : Wednesday, March 25th at 7pm, virtually.
New Business	None
Adjourn	Olivia motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm Next meeting is May 5th, 2026 at 6pm in the Library with a Virtual Option.

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School Council - Account Summary

Opening Balance	September 1, 2025			**$18,213.96**		
Date	**Description**	**Debit**	**Credit**			
18-Sept-25	Mabels Labels Fundraiser Cheque		$126.18			
16-Oct-25	School Council Insurance	($151.20)				
13-Nov-25	Clubs - Garden Club - Landscape fabric	($50.00)				
21-Nov-25	Contribution to Grade 8 Graduation	($200.00)				
21-Nov-25	Yearbook Contribution	($450.00)				
24-Nov-25	5/6 - Garrard/Werth - Scientist	($398.00)				
26-Nov-25	Harriston Packers - Fall Fundraiser		$15,460.00		$1,315.00	
26-Nov-25	JD Sweid - Fall Fundraiser		$10,792.00		$1,710.00	
26-Nov-25	Voisins Maple Products - Fall Fundraiser		$1,897.00		$948.50	
8-Dec-25	Harriston Packers - cheque	($14,145.00)			**$3,973.50**	Fall Meat & Maple
8-Dec-25	JD Sweid - cheque	($9,082.00)				
8-Dec-25	Voisin Maple Products - cheque	($948.50)				
8-Dec-25	HST Rebate 2024-25		$123.44			
8-Dec-25	HST Rebate 2024-25		$189.46			
8-Dec-25	HST Rebate 2024-25		$32.30			
12-Feb-26	Little Caesers - Winter Fundraiser		$11,103.00		$2,210.00	Winter Pizza Kits
12-Feb-26	Little Caesers - cheque	($8,893.00)				
26-Feb-26	Mabels Labels Fundraiser Cheque		$59.01			
26-Feb-26	Wallenstein Feed Donation		$300.00			
Closing Balance				**$23,978.65**		

Pending Transactions		**Balance By Category**	
		Fundraising	$11,712.78
		MISC	$2,301.53
		Playground	$5,330.04
		Classroom Resources	$4,634.30
		Hot Lunches	$0.00
	$0.00		$23,978.65