Minto Clifford Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	May 5th, 2026	Time:	6:00pm
Minutes Prepared By:	Katie Weed	Location:	MCPS Library Learning Commons
Attendees			
Executive Members:	Jenna Squires, Katie Weed, Olivia Yemam		
School Members:	Marianne Millsap		
Voting Members:	Sam Greer		
Virtual Members:	none		
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 Olivia** **Second by Katie** **Approved** **Motion to approve the March meeting minutes:** **Motion by Olivia** **Second by Jenna** **Approved**		
Principal/ Teacher update	**Staff & Principal's School Report – May 2026** **<u>Student Activities & Events</u>** - **Skills Canada**: On April 7, Mr. Novikow took 39 students (12 junior, 27 intermediate) to Skills Canada. The students participated in tech design, health & safety, tv & video productions, LEGO robotics, Vex robotics, construction and green energy events. Our Health & Safety team placed 4th. - **Sideline Basketball (Gr 4-6)**: On April 15th, our junior basketball team under the guidance of Mrs. Werth, the students played excellent through the round-robin games finishing with a 5-0-1 record. In the championship game, the team worked hard and lost by only 1 basket. Throughout the day the team played cooperatively, and showed positive sportsmanship. - **K-8 Rock Climbing**: On April 20-23, our students (and staff) enjoyed rock climbing and stepping outside of their comfort zones for many (e.g., trying something new, fear of heights).		

- **Intermediate Basketball Tournament:** Our teams represented Minto well at the tournament. The boys team went undefeated and came home with 1st place. Our girls team battled hard and unfortunately lost their last two games but still ended up in 2nd place.
- **2026 SSUP Program:** On April 28th, Belinda Wick-Graham spoke with students in Grades 6-8 about the Saugeen Student Start Up Program. It's an opportunity for students to run their own business while gaining valuable business training as well as some money towards developing their business. Several current and former Minto students have participated in this program. Applications are due May 8th. You can visit www.saugeenconnects.com/youth for more information.
- **LEAP Presentation:** On April 29th, we had three former Minto students come to talk to our Grade 8's about LEAP Day and ask questions they have about what Grade 9 looks like. LEAP day is set for June 24th. Students will have the opportunity to tour the school and to meet staff.
- **DROM:** As part of Mental Health Awareness week our students are participating in a DROM fitness class.
- **Chess Tournament:** Mr. Ellis will be taking 15 players to the Chess Tournament in Elora this week.
- **Matilda @ Norwell:** Select classes will be heading to Norwell on May 13th & 14th to see this year's annual play, "Matilda". It's always exciting as several former Minto students are involved in the production each year.

Upcoming & Ongoing Events

- **Scientists in the School:** A lot of our classrooms are having scientists this month. It is a great opportunity for students (and staff) to have access to curriculum connected materials and activities we might not normally have to support our lessons.
- **You're the Chef:** Is a six-week cooking program that builds the skills and confidence of youth to prepare healthy and tasty recipes emphasizing vegetables and fruit. We have a group of ten intermediate students who will be cooking, baking and learning how to build meals on a budget.
- **Track & Field (Gr. 4-8):** is scheduled for May 20. The 800 m and 1500 m races will be held on different days.
- **Special Olympics:** Our LRC classes will be participating with their peer coaches at the Special Olympics event on May 21. It's always a fun experience for the athletes, peer coaches, and staff members. The rain date is May 22.
- **Island Lake Trips**: Mr. Roger's class and Mrs. Dafoe's & Ms. West's classes will be travelling to Island Lake to learn about the different games the Metis community play on May 21 and 22 respectively.
- **Book Fair:** Will be held June 1st-4th, and 8th.
- **Junior North Wellington T&F:** Will be on June 1st at Victoria Cross PS
- **Pride Events:** In June our MCPS Pride Committee will be hosting our annual Pride Picnic where we focus on inclusivity and respect for all.
- **Intermediate North Wellington T&F**: Will be held on June 3rd at Victoria Cross PS.
- **Talent Show:** Two acts from each classroom will be shared at a school-wide assembly on June 11. More information will be coming later.
- **Jump Rope for Heart:** Will be held on June 12th. Watch for more information about pledges! Our school goal is to raise $2000.

- **Gr 8 Camping Trip:** Students will be going to YMCA Camp Ki-Wa-Y on June 16 & 17.
- **Intermediate 3 Pitch Tournament:** Will be held on June 18 at Centre Peel PS. The rain date is June 19
- **Earth Keepers:** Our Grade 5 students will be participating in Earth Keepers June 18&19 at the Harriston Arena/Greenway Trail.
- **Indigenous Day:** We will be recognizing Indigenous Day by encouraging everyone to wear orange on June 22.

Programs & Updates

- **Human Development Lessons** will be taught during May on the dates sent home in the letter.
- **JK Orientation:** Will be held on May 21st from 4-5 pm. Students will head to one of the kindergarten rooms for a few activities and parents will meet with teachers to go over what Kindergarten "looks like" now, what their student will need in the fall and to have any questions answered.
- **EQAO:** Final preparations are underway for EQAO testing in Grade 3 and 6 classrooms. Students will be writing May 25-29.
- **PA Day:** There is a PA Day on June 5th. The morning is focused on Literacy and Math initiatives. While the afternoon is designated for report card writing.
- **Report Cards**: Available online as of June 24th. If you are having trouble accessing your child's report card online please contact the office.
- **Grade 8 Graduation:** Will be held on June 24th here at MInto Clifford Public School.
- **Last Day of School:** June 25th
- **Staffing Updates**:
    - Madeline Charlebois was hired as the LTO for Mrs. Garrard's ⅝ class.

2026-2027 School Year:

- Staffing and classroom organization are still tentative and continue to evolve at this point in time.
- Next year our instructional day will look slightly different. The start and ending bells remain the same.

Minto-Clifford Daily Schedule & School Bells 2026 - 2027

8:30 - 8:50 pm ~ Supervisors on the Yard (do not drop off before this time)
8:50 - 10:50 pm ~ Instructional Day (120 minutes)
10:50 - 11:30 pm ~ Nutritional Break
11:30 - 1:10 pm ~ Instructional Day (100 minutes)
1:10 - 1:50 pm ~ Nutritional Break
1:50 - 3:10 pm ~ Instructional Day (80 minutes)
3:10 - 3:30 pm ~ End of Day Buses & Pick Up

A Few Reminders…

- **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.
Financial Update	- Olivia provided an update. - Balance is sitting at $48,352, with $23,423 in pending expenses - There's a lot of year end expenses still to come through in the next 2 months. - **Motion to accept the financial report** **Motion By: Katie** **Second by: Sam** **CARRIED**
Fundraising	- Kernel's Popcorn update- record setting year with over 850 bags sold. - Spring Meat update- orders have been submitted. This fundraiser will cover year end trips, as anticipated. - We've raised just over $10,600 this year, and allocated approximately $9000 for various causes this year.
Summer Social Update	-Minto will drop off tables and chairs -Sam is reaching out to businesses for the raffle prizes -Emails have been sent out regarding community group tables -Food orders are going live and will close on May 22nd -Jenna will connect with Domino's -Games are ordered and will be delivered day of **Motion to: cover the full cost of games (and extra $38)** **Motion By: Sam** **Second by: Katie CARRIED** Volunteer sign up is live now. Olivia will follow up on the Bike Rodeo request and a fire truck and police car. Olivia and Sam also have yard games that they will bring Sam has activities such as rock painting, tissue paper for flowers, a backdrop and table clothes -Illustrated Movement from Palmerston offered to have a community table and perform for free. We will look into the insurance information for this -Sam can borrow a portable speaker system -We will need to make sure someone with a food handling certificate is volunteering for handing out pizza -Will reach out to the yearbook teacher to see if she can take pictures at the event. Jenna can take pictures if needed
PIC Event Recap	Sam, Olivia and VP John went. There was a long talk on human trafficking, as well as workshops on running effective school council meetings. Emphasis on diversifying council and making everything as accessible as possible. There were lots of groups with smaller councils like ours. We will work on proposals for a PIC grant next year.
New Business	**Motion: that any profit we may make at the summer social can go towards next year's summer social**

	Moved by Sam **Seconded by Olivia** **Moved**
Adjourn	Olivia motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm The next meeting is June 9th, 2026 at 6pm in the Library with a Virtual Option.

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	56C & 56D 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			
8-Apr-26	Kernels Popcorn Days Fundraiser		$2,604.00		**$1,129.35**	Popcorn
9-Apr-26	Kernels - Cheque	($1,474.65)				
9-Apr-26	Clubs - Library Makerspace - Keva weighted balls	($44.25)				
9-Apr-26	Clubs - Grade 3 Art Club - Rug hooks	($50.00)				
14-Apr-26	LRC1 Dafoe - LEGO and Classroom building resources	($250.00)				
15-Apr-26	34C Newman - Scientist	($249.00)				
27-Apr-26	23B Huynh - Scientist	($249.00)				
27-Apr-26	2A Waechter - Scientist	($249.00)				
30-Apr-26	Harriston Packers - Spring Fundraiser		$13,515.00			
30-Apr-26	JD Sweid - Spring Fundraiser		$10,821.00			
					$0.00	Spring Meat
Closing Balance				**$48,352.75**	$24,929.75	

Pending Transactions		Balance By Category	
Harriston Packers - Cheque	$13,880.00	Fundraising	$37,828.13
JD Sweid - Cheque	$9,543.00	MISC	$1,557.28
		Playground	$5,330.04
		Classroom Resources	$3,637.30
		Hot Lunches	$0.00
	$23,423.00		$48,352.75