



Minutes

Collegiate Elementary – School Council

May 2026

In Attendance

- Jackie Atkinson, Kelsey Pursley, Sezgin Nelsok, Yesim Gordon, Kenny Cheng, Carole Knezevic, Heather Dempsey, Kelly Biagi, Lisa Barzetti

Chairperson Report

- It has been a pleasure serving School Council and the Collegiate community as Chair for the 2025-2026 school year. We have had a year full of joy supporting school initiatives, fundraising and bringing families together to strengthen their well-being & fostering their sense of community. As we close out this school year, I'd like to express my appreciation to staff representatives and elected/voting members of Council for their dedication and look forward to what the next year may bring. I'm pleased to also highlight that after years of fundraising effort, strong support of families and in collaboration with Orchard Park staff & students, we have realized our goal of a trophy/display case to demonstrate all of Collegiate's achievements! We encourage any interested parent/guardian of students at Collegiate to join us next year as we continue to model our journey to *Be You. Be Excellent.*

Talking Points

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Follow-up

School Photos

- Inquired about class photos for 2026-2027 school year (all students sitting together)
- Will provide each child with a free class photo
- This year, provided a class composite to all students which was a surprise!

New to Collegiate Welcome Package

- A New to Collegiate Welcome Package was developed for all New Kinder families as well as all new families throughout the school year.
- Info such as bell times, drop-off / pick-up procedures, late arrivals, pizza days, etc.

Grade 8 Commencement

- Thursday June 18th
- Grade 8 Ceremony will take place at Collegiate School in the gymnasium at 6:00pm
- Dinner / Dance at Spasso Ristorante \$55.00/graduate
- Pick up 9:45pm

Kinder Year II Celebration

- Friday June 19th
- Change of time: 9:30 am - will take place at Collegiate School in the gymnasium
- Students remain at school after celebration

Talking Points

- Council voted on Bench photo for all classes 2026-27
- Kinder Grad *will take place at 1:30pm* ... it will NOT be moved to 9:30am.

Athletics:

- The Junior Boys Basketball and Senior Swim Team season has just wrapped up
- A Junior & Senior Flag Football tournament was held at Orchard Park Secondary School on May 7 & 8, the Junior Team won a trophy for their division
- The Junior & Senior Soccer Teams are currently practicing for their tournaments towards the end of May
- Track & Field events are currently taking place during Phys-ed time to determine who will be representing our school at the track & field meets

Grizzly Voices:

- Hosted "Chill Week" Activities the week of March 9-13, activities included colouring/drawing to mindful music, learning to calm the body through movement and stillness, learning different calming breathing techniques, and working up a sweat dancing to music
- "Great Big Crunch" was held on March 26th to create awareness about our nutrition program, apples were donated by Drummond Farms
- Play Day will be held for all students on Wednesday, June 3rd

Other:

- The "Change for Change" campaign just finished, \$3952.50 was raised, all proceeds go to Hamilton Food Share to help buy food for people in need in our community
- During open house some staff members and students will be running some "Donuts & Digits" Math challenges
- Glow Girls Club is every Thursday for girls in Grades 5&6, every week there is a different activity for them to participate in
- Boys Club is every Wednesday for boys in Grades 3&4, every week there is a different activity for them to participate in
- The Fire Department will be coming for their second visit on June 1st with a fire truck to talk to the students in JK-1 (their first visit was on May 8th)
- Grade 8 Graduation will be held on Thursday, June 18 and Kindergarten Graduation on June 19
- Classes have various year end trips booked throughout June
- Thursday, September 17 will be our "Fuel for Kids" fundraiser

Talking Points

- Open House – Dominos Pizza will provide 50% of pizza sales to the school!
- Fuel for Kids – Fortinos will provide all food for BBQ and all proceeds will go to the school!

Financial Report

Council Funds and Fundraising

Opening Balance:

- \$1295.03

Expenses:

- Electrical: \$972.93

New Balance:

- Remaining: \$322.10

Spring Fling Dance – a- thon 2026:

- \$1527.25 on-line + \$827.25 cash = **\$2354.50**

Expenses:

- Cabinet Delivery: Initial: \$395.00 Final: \$850.00 = **\$1,406.85**
- Remaining Balance = \$322.10 + Spring Fling Fundraiser \$2354.50 = \$2676.60 – \$1406.85 (Delivery) for cabinet (installation by HWDSB at no cost)

Closing Balance:

- **\$1269.75**

Talking Points

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Next Meeting Date

Monday September 28th 2026 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm
