



**Mackenzie King Parent Council Meeting Minutes**  
Held in-person at MKPS on Wednesday November 12, 2025  
6:00 – 7:30 pm

**Attended:** Alyssa Campbell, Mary Litwiller, Tracey Ebert, Tom Hope (Principal), Kayla Tripp (Teacher), Marta Dunn, Lara Hopcroft, Mary Krupicz

**Absent:** Erin McCabe, Heather White, Mellissa Jeffery, Diana Narimalla, Janine Brubacher

- 6:05pm – **Meeting Commence**
  - Approve Meeting minutes from 08Oct2025
  - Correction – page 3 - Benjamin Tree Farm trip was for Grade 2’s, not for Grade 4’s
  - Motion to approve: Mary Litwiller; seconded by Alyssa Campbell – all approved
  
- 6:06pm – **Principal’s Report**
  - Mystery Readers for Kindergarten – ongoing program. Great feedback from participants that they are really enjoying the program
  - Pro Grant – application due 28Nov2025; support is needed to fill in the application; Mr. Hope to share with Parent Council and we will help to complete (Alyssa, Tracey, Lara, Mary K)
  - Lalilo – literacy website designed to support reading & phonics. Program now has a cost (no longer free): \$750 for 100 licenses for 12 months.
    - Alyssa Campbell motioned to approve \$710 for Lalilo licenses, seconded by Tracey Ebert, all approved
  - Popcorn fundraiser (outside of parent council) has started. Funds raised are currently set to support the future Tubing Trip, and possibly Lalilo if additional funds are needed
  - PD Day Monday 17Nov
  - Recognition Programs:
    - Scotties Program – has started up again for the 2025/2026 school year
    - **\*\*new\*\*** Golden Boot Award – for classroom with the cleanest floor, Ms G and Mr H judge and every 2 weeks pick a winning class to win the trophy for 2 weeks
  - New Staff: Ms Murphy – Kindie/Planning
  - Nutrition Bins – replenished recently – on track with already approved funds
  - Spirit Wear – we had 9 orders (16 units); conversation about School Day not pushing information to everyone. Mr. Hope will follow up with the vendor; will likely re-open in 2026
  - Outdoor Updates:
    - Approved to install sandbox to Mackenzie Kingdom
    - No change in the status of the off limit playground equipment (fix still pending)
  - Remembrance Day assembly on 11Nov
  - Photo retake day 11/Nov
  - Sports:
    - Dodgeball (during nutrition breaks) ongoing
    - Floor Hockey starts next week
  - Progress reports go home next week

- 21Nov this is me day
- 18Dec Winter Concert – will be split into 2 performances
- **6:34pm – Teacher’s Report**
  - Recent Field Trips:
    - Tripp’s class went to Toyota to learn about strong and stable structures
    - Grade 2s went to Benjamin Tree Farm (really enjoyed it!)
    - Kindergartens went to Downey Farm for the pumpkin patch (went really well!)
    - Snyder’s class went to the museum to learn about light and sound
    - Stewart’s class went to UW to learn about rocks and minerals
  - Upcoming Field Trips:
    - Mrs. Kehl’s class will be going to Waterloo Wellington Flight Centre on Dec 2 for their flight unit in science
    - Mrs. Borch’s class will be going to the Blair Outdoor Education Centre on Dec 10 to learn about animals and their habitats
    - Grade 1s are going to the Museum Nov 21
  - Girls At Bat Update: We currently have 49 girls pre-registered for next Spring. 21 girls in grades 5/6, 28 girls in grades 3/4. I will be submitting these initial numbers on Monday to receive our equipment top up package
  - Jr Choir has started – grades 4-6
  - Primary Choir – grade 1-3
  - School is looking at an extracurricular program for Gr 1-3 to pair with Grand River Collegiate. 3-4 students come in conjunction with City of Kitchener and Conestoga College rec & leisure students; provide programming during breaks once a week. Hoping to start in January and run once a week.
- **6:37pm – Treasurer’s Report**
  - Expecting funds from Factory Shoe fundraiser (\$710) current accumulation (~2 years of funds)
  - Funds from pizza are ongoing; current pricing is \$2.50/slice
  - \$32500 currently raised for Playground
- **6:45pm – Fundraising**
  - Playground conversations – previous conversations with school board that we need to cover the cost of the playground and the board covers the cost of the instillation. Mr. Hope will find out additional information. We want to ensure that we minimize downtime between our equipment being condemned and new equipment being installed.
  - Mabel’s Labels codes – something to add to the new Kindie packages
- **6:50pm – Nutrition**
  - Conversation about having a couple Pretzel Days this year. No dates set yet.
  - Conversation about having Ice Cream Days. Possible venders are The Nest on Victoria, Sweet Carolines, 4All Ice Cream.

- 6:53pm – **Additional Items**
  - Discussion about the age of the school. The school may be 100 years old this year (2025), but the actual building is likely only 71 (built in 1954).
  - Mackenzie King moved to this currently location in 1954, we had a different location on Frederick Street in 1925
  - Bring this up again at future council meeting.
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  - Leanne to add a reminder that January is our next parent council meeting
  
  - Pro Grant options – MKPS will use fund for science fair again this year, however, additional options were discussed for future years:
    - Technology and online awareness for parents; also possible that a free program exists through WRPS;
    - Psychotherapist comes in to talk about managing emotions
  
- 7:04pm – Adjournment

**Next meeting: 14Jan2026 @ 6-7:30PM in MKPS Library**