Niagara Children's Centre School

Parent Council Meeting #2 Minutes

10 November 2026 / 6:00 PM / Centre and online

AGENDA

- Ability Hive fundraiser
- Snack and Chat
- Discussion about school needs that might require another fundraising initiative

NOTES

- **School Report:** Leah G is away; Beth Smith will be filling in; Brittany S has returned from maternity leave, with Tania moving to DSBN (SEA); Abdul is a new EA at the school (frequently in room 1)
- **Core Words**: High-frequency words in spoken language (stop, go, help); fringe words are the label words (cow, sheep, pig). Core 4 words scope and sequence used as a guideline (~4 words/month). Staff chose high-contrast, simple images to represent core words and make them easily accessible. Reinforce the same language at home naturally to build on school learning.
- **Autumn slide show** featuring outdoor classroom with core words explored with intention, relating to books, creating hands-on experiences, build on previous words, students explored an interactive story through stations in the gym (Halloween), Trunk-or-Treat success

- **Important Dates**:
    - Progress Reports Nov. 19
    - Interviews Nov. 23 3:45-6
    - Nov. 27 PD Day
    - Dec. 4 snack and chat event
    - Jan. 27 parent placement/transition meetings and Xenia concert (open to families 1:30)
    - Feb-April developing partnership with Niagara Adaptive Sports Hub - looking at possible programs in schools and programs for parents as well.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Ability Hive**: fully restocked the website; purpose: snack program. If the code is forgotten, they will still honour your contribution; just contact them. They sell gift cards!
- **Additional fundraising:** last year it was used for an end-of-year concert/trip - the group agreed to use a second fundraiser for the end-of-year trip. Possible fundraising ideas - jerky, Cobs Bread (new locations to make more accessible for families), McDonald's one-night event, continue to share or research ideas for next meeting (Feb), agree to fundraiser start early if necessary.
- **Snack and Chat:**
    - Date: Friday Dec 4th, Feb, April
    - Place: possibly in gym, hybrid to include more families
    - Purpose(s): Dentist (Dr. Erin) interested in sharing information and answering parent questions, donating or swapping items of need between center families, sharing tips and tricks, helpful products, other professionals who may be able to share helpful information (ie., eye doctor) flyer created and to be passed around soon, sharing things you make (ie., wheelchair blankets)

    - Time: typically occurring at the end of the day so parents can take kiddos home, ~1:30ish - ask for RSVPs to ensure appropriate number of seats/snacks

ACTION ITEMS

1. Further promotion of Ability Hive now that they are restocked
2. Explore options for a second fundraiser
3. Circulate flyer for upcoming Snack and Chat

NEXT AGENDA - Feb 2, 6 PM

- Additional Snack and Chat ideas
- Decide on second fundraiser to offset costs of year end events/trips