

# Hartman Parent Council – Meeting Notes

**Date:** Monday, April 7, 2025

**Location:** Hartman Public School

## 1. Academic Updates

### EQAO 2025

- Scheduled for the last three weeks of May.
- Grade 6 team will meet in mid-May to prepare.
- Communication will be sent home to parents.

### Ministry Screener (EMPOWER Program)

- Data collection took place in September.
- Focus on Grade 1 and 2 reading levels.
- 25% of students are faced with reading challenges.
- The Empower program (developed by SickKids) supports students who are experiencing difficulty with reading and may have a learning disability.
- Teachers currently using UFLI; corrective reading tools are being explored.
- Updated data expected with the next report card (focused on decoding and comprehension).
- Teachers are triangulating their data using other diagnostic tools.

## 2. Staffing and Enrollment

- Enrollment down by approximately 60 students.
- Limited growth in kindergarten registration.
- Lower numbers in Grades 1–3.
- We will be in a situation of reduced enrollment for 2025–2026

## 3. Extracurricular Activities

### Sports

- Boys' basketball practices are held three days a week.
- Track and Field events begin in May.

### Lunch & Snack Programs

- Superstore's "Everything Gives" program supplies juice boxes, granola bars, and apples (noted as too large for younger students).
- New term launched for Hero Burger and East Side Mario's lunch offerings.

- Extra lunches are available for students without lunch.
- Papa John's lunches are popular among students.

## **4. Fundraising & Event Planning**

### **Ramadan**

- Iftar dinner was hosted at the school.

### **Family Fun Night**

- Rescheduled from May 22 to a tentative date of May 28.
- Vendors being finalized, including:
  - Photo booth, activity inflatables (no bouncy castles or mazes etc)
  - DJ
  - Martial arts activity (wood-breaking)
- Silent Auction:
  - Seeking vendor donations and community contacts.
  - Proposal to sell bracelets for \$9-\$10 to keep costs accessible. (students only, parent no cost)
  - Volunteers will be needed.

## **5. Financials**

- Approximate available budget: **\$18,000** (confirmed by Gigi).
- **Technology:**
  - Budget increase requested.
  - \$6,500 spent on projectors.
  - Most Chromebooks will not be repaired; ratio currently 1 device per 3 students.
- **Graduation Dinner:**
  - Budget of \$3,500 allocated.
- **New Initiatives:**
  - Principal shared students have expressed an interest in a coding club– potential need expenses to launch a club need School Council support.
  - Interest in Spirit Day T-shirts for all students on the first day of school next year.

**Next meeting; Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm in Library**