

# École F.A.H. School Council

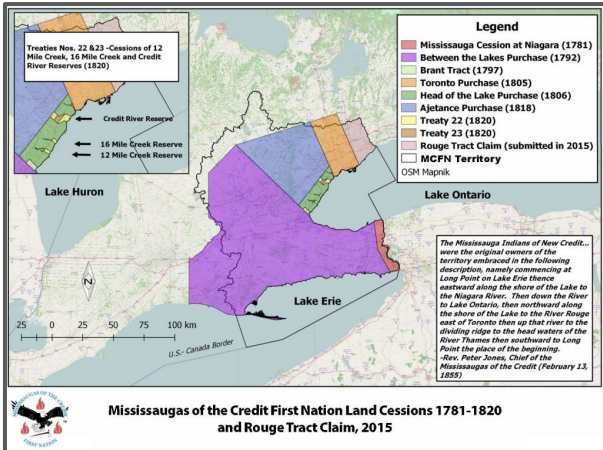
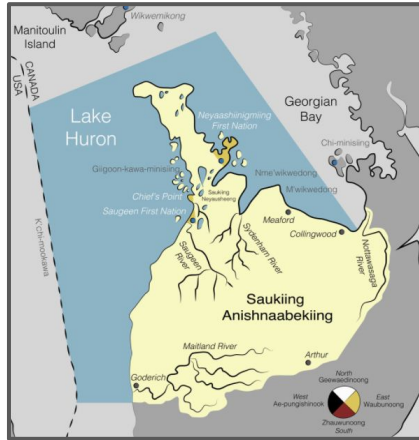
May 18, 2023

# Agenda

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**Attendance:** Christine, Catrina, Liz, Ryan, Britt,  
Emilia, Tanya, Nikki, Theresa, Cathryn

1. Welcome, review agenda, approve minutes
2. Land Acknowledgement and Anti-Racism Statement
3. Principal's Update
4. Financial Update
5. School Council Bylaws
6. June End of Year Celebration
7. Adjourn Meeting
  - Next meeting is scheduled for Sep. 21, 2023



The UGDSB is situated on the ancestral, treaty and title lands of two Anishinaabek Ojibwe Nations: the **Michi Saagig of the Credit** and the **Saugeen Ojibway Nation**. This land also includes a specified tract of land granted to the **Six Nations of the Grand River**. These Nations hold legal and specific rights in their respective territories. This area has been and continues to be home for Indigenous Peoples and non-Indigenous peoples.

# I Can Be a Changemaker!

## From a Grade 3 Student

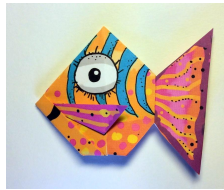
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# I Can Be a Changemaker!

From a Grade 3 Student

The change that I would like to see at our school is people using and wasting less paper. A small action I can take is to use both sides of a page. I can get others involved by encouraging people to reuse GOOS paper. These are small ways that an idea can become an action, an action can become a movement, and a movement can become change.



At the Upper Grand District School Board, we strive to ensure the inclusion of First Nation, Métis and Inuit histories and perspectives in our schools, our system and our school communities. By recognizing and promoting an awareness of these histories and contemporary realities, we will support the holistic success of all our students, in particular our First Nation, Métis and Inuit students.

As an educational community we have a responsibility to identify and describe racism and oppression and then work to dismantle it. The Upper Grand District School Board is committed to disrupting systemic racism and oppression in all of its forms. We will implement ongoing mandatory anti-racism and anti-oppression training for all staff, review our protocols and policies, including our hiring practices, and be fully transparent and accountable to all Upper Grand students, staff, families, and stakeholders in an ongoing manner.

# Principal's Update

## Field Trips

On April 25th, Grade 5 and 6 students attended the River Run Centre for the presentation of Mistati. Thank you to Linamar who provides Grade 1-8 students in the City of Guelph the opportunity to enjoy live performing arts programming each year at the River Run Centre. Our Grade 1-6 students have participated in one or two performances this school year. On May 4th, students in M. Devenny and Mme Mui's class participated in Empowerment Day at the Sleeman Centre. Thank you to Mr. Speers, a teacher at Elora Public School, who organizes Empowerment Day with a dedicated group of UGDSB staff and students. Students in Grades 1 to 4/5 watched Le chat botté at The Bookshelf Cinema on May 5th. This event was subsidized by French cultural funding through the UGDSB. Thank you Mme Woodward for organizing this event. The Grade 6 class joined other Guelph Grade 6-8 students for an Emergency Preparedness Day workshop at the West End Recreation Centre on May 12th.

# Principal's Update

## **Presentations**

Thank you Constable Sherry Pettapiece for joining our Grade 3-5 students on May 9th for a bicycle safety presentation. Constable Sherry presents various safety topics to our students throughout the year. She also supports training and organizing special events for the CAA Safety Patrol program.

Thank you also to Mr. Gord Herbert from the Fire Prevention Division with the Guelph Fire Department. Mr. Herbert shared a fire prevention and safety presentation with Kindergarten and Grade 1 students on May 15th.



# Principal's Update

## Teams and Clubs

Pokemon Club continues to be very popular on Friday afternoons. Mme Smyth and a group of dedicated Grade 5 students are running a basketball skills and drills workshop for Junior students. M. Devenny and the Junior ultimate frisbee team participated in a tournament at Exhibition Park on May 10th. A team of Grade 6 students, with the support of Mme Mui, wrote and presented a school play to students and families on May 15th. Many students in Grades 1 to 6 participated in the play as actors or as stage crew members. Mme Muzzy attended the Special Olympics with students at St. James High School on May 17th.

**safeTALK Suicide Prevention Training** - The UGDSB is offering 2 summer SafeTALK trainings to parents/caregivers and guardians. The flyer has registration links. [safeTALK flyer July 19.pdf](#)

# Principal's Update

## **EQAO**

It's that time of year again! Grade 3 and 6 students will be participating in EQAO testing. Students completed the practice test in class today. While staff work throughout the grades to familiarize students with the types and formats of questions, the practice test day allows students the opportunity to explore the online platform as well as the support tools available to them. EQAO days at FAHamilton will be May 29th and 30th.

## **JK Welcome Visit for students and Families**

On Monday, June 26th from 9:15-9:45 a.m., new JK students and families are invited to F.A. Hamilton for a meet and greet session. If a member of the School Council is available to join in the gym, a table could be set up to share information about the School Council, Mabel's Labels, the Family Lending Library, etc.

# Principal's Update

## Volunteer Opportunities

There will be many field trips in May and June. We greatly appreciate families volunteering their time to support these opportunities. As previously shared this year, the Upper Grand District School Board Policy 205 - Volunteers was updated in November, 2022. [The policy can be found by clicking here](#) and applies to all schools in the UGDSB. Moving forward, volunteers in the school who support students, including on field trips, will need a Police Vulnerable Sector Check. If you wish to volunteer in the school, and you have not yet already done so, please complete a Police Vulnerable Sector Check and provide a copy to the school. Until the end of the school year, if there is a fee for the Police Vulnerable Sector Check, please submit a copy of your invoice to the school for reimbursement.

# Principal's Report

Thank you staff and students for championing the Wellness Works themes each month. Due to our participation in Wellness Works learning, Mental Health Week activities, mindful moments, etc., our school has received silver certification in the OPHEA Healthy Schools Program. Merci beaucoup!



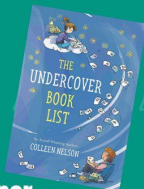


## Congratulations

### The Undercover Book List

Written by Colleen Nelson

Published by Pajama Press



2023 Forest of Reading Silver Birch Fiction Award Winner

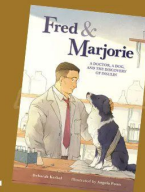


## Congratulations

### Fred & Marjorie: A Doctor, a Dog, and the Discovery of Insulin

Written by Deborah Kerbel  
and Illustrated by Angela Poon

Published by Owlkids Books



2023 Forest of Reading Yellow Cedar Award Winner

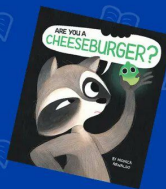


## Congratulations

### Are You a Cheeseburger?

Written & illustrated by Monica Arnaldo

Published by Katherine Tegen Books



2023 Forest of Reading Blue Spruce Award Winner

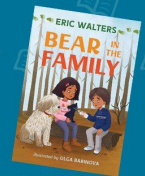


## Congratulations

### Bear in the Family

Written by Eric Walters  
& illustrated by Olga Barinova

Published by Orca Book Publishers



2023 Forest of Reading Silver Birch Express Award Winner



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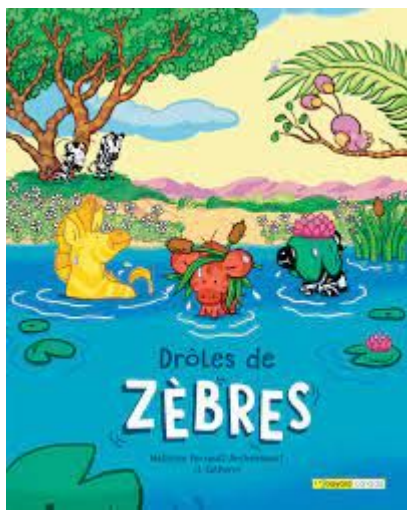
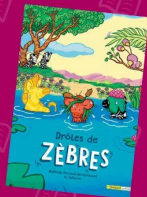
# Félicitations !

## Drôles de zèbres

Écrit par Mathilde Perrault-Archambault  
et illustré par Catherin

Publié par Bayard Canada

**Lauréat du Le prix Peuplier Forêt de la lecture 2023**



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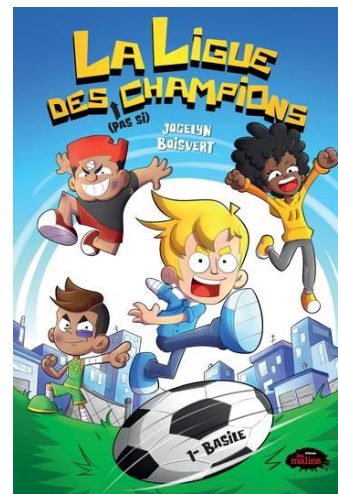
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## La ligue des (pas si) champions I Basile

Écrit par Jocelyn Boisvert

Publié par Les éditions les Malins

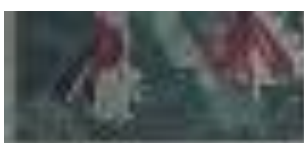
**Lauréat du Le prix Méléze Forêt de la lecture 2023**



# An idea for School Council - Fall Fundraiser

## Big Box Fundraising

- All Occasions
- Birthdays
- Holiday Box with Blanks and Thanks
  
- 35 cards for \$35
  
- Can be set up via SchoolCashOnline via Mme Wozniak





# Further Information on Big Box Fundraising

**Birthday Cards Link** - <https://www.bigboxfundraising.com/collections/frontpage/products/big-box-of-birthday-cards-new>

**All Occasions Cards Link** - <https://www.bigboxfundraising.com/collections/frontpage/products/big-box-of-cards>

**Holiday Box with thanks and blanks** -

<https://www.bigboxfundraising.com/collections/frontpage/products/new-for-fall-2022-big-box-of-holidays-with-thanks-and-blanks>

# Financial Update

| RBC Acc't Name         | Opening Balance | Debit      | Credit  | Closing Balance |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------|---------|-----------------|
| Fundraising General    | \$624.80        | \$1,342.48 | \$46.50 | -\$671.18       |
| Milk                   | \$0             |            |         | \$0             |
| PIC                    | \$306.67        |            |         | \$306.67        |
| Playground Maintenance | \$2,350         |            |         | \$2,350         |
|                        | \$3,281.47      | \$1,342.48 | \$46.50 | \$1,985.49      |

Fundraising General Account received \$46.50 from Milk Commissions

Fundraising General Account spent \$1000 to reimburse the school for dancED

Fundraising General Account spent \$342.48 for supplies and snacks for the year end event.

The PIC fund will reimburse the Fundraising General Account \$306.28 for the supplies and snacks.

# School Council Bylaws

- **Questions re definition of quorum – three parents, one of whom is a member of the executive?**
- **Mme Labelle will reach out to the Board regarding definition of quorum, in case there is a definition already in place.**

## **June End of Year Event (June 22)**

- **Ice Cream Truck**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Pre-ordered pizza, and snacks**
- **Crafts, bubbles, chinks, face painting**
- **Bean-bag toss, ring-toss, giant Jenga, potato-sack races, other outdoor games**
- **Basketballs**

**Please note: Flyer asking for items for the silent auction and volunteers to work at the event will be sent out shortly. Any donations for the Silent Auction can be dropped off at the school beginning the week of June 12.**

## **Other Business**

- **Booking DancEd for next year was raised, with parents noting the success of this past year's experience with the program.**
- **The issue of the cost of the program was raised, with the suggestion that Council make subsidizing DancEd a focus from the beginning of next year.**
- **Christine will enquire as to whether DancEd will be available for next year.**

**Thank You!**

**Next Meeting: September 14, 2023**

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