

West St. Paul Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

In Attendance:

Dayna Trann, Brianne Lisecki, Christine Collings, Amanda Kruger, Eleanor Laminger, Lisa Whiteside, Alana Woods, Kelci Turcan, Michelle Kippen, Lisa Whiteside, Yolanda Czerwonka, Jason Hayward, Oksana Kusteckyj, Shobhit Shukla

Call to Order and Greetings:

- Greetings and call to order at 6:05 pm by Christine Collings.

Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion made to accept the agenda by Dayna Trann; seconded by Brianne Lisecki. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Minutes from April 8, 2026

- Motion made to accept the minutes by Dayna Trann; seconded by Amanda Kruger. Motion carried.

Administrative Report:

- Current enrollment: 644
- There are 3 classes of kindergarten scheduled for the fall.
- A big thank you to the PAC for the staff appreciation meal. They were very appreciative of this gesture.
- Thank you to everyone for a wonderful year. Also, a big thank you from the kids. Cards were created for us.
- Playground update: the drawings are locked in and construction should be starting this summer. PAC will help with funds when we have the final numbers.
- The scoreboard is scheduled to be installed this Friday!
- It will be installed, then electricians will come to hook it up. Once this is done, we will celebrate this major accomplishment.
- Staffing is set for next year and classes are ready.

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- There have been big changes to recess as well, with no kids allowed out front or moving through the parking lot. The kids are all playing in the back now and this is safer.
- The pick up changes are going much more smoothly now as well.

Elections

Yolanda then conducted our elections. No voting needed to happen, as every position was acclaimed with the exception of a new parent who will be joining as co-chair to ease into the position.

- Co-Chair: Christine Collings and Shobhit Shukla
- Vice-Chair - Dayna Trann
- Secretary - Lisa Whiteside
- Financial - Brianne Lisecki
- Fundraising - Amanda Kruger
- Hot Lunch. - Vanessa Cecchini and Brianne Lisecki

Executive Reports:

Chair:

- Thank you to all school staff and parent council. It was a great year for all.
- Highlights: assisting with fall gathering, Halloween dance, two games nights, Munch a Lunch, Cinco de Mayo, playspace!!!

Vice Chair:

- Proud to be part of the parent council.
- Shared challenges, but faced them together and helped each other out!
- So grateful for the teamwork and it's exciting to see what can happen when people come together.
- Excited for the future!

Past Chair:

- Not present.

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Financial Report:

- Our current balance is \$34 997.03 with more money to come out.
- Brianne walked through the financial report and explained that it was a big spending year, but that we have a lot to show for it!

Fundraising:

- Fundraising numbers are down
- We did Shelmerdines in December, and pizzas and donuts in April.
- We are hoping for some new ideas for next year.

Hot Lunch:

- Munch-a Lunch is going well.
 - It seems to be getting smoother.
 - Next year, we will have dates shown and ready to give to parents in the orientation packages.
 - September- December
 - January - March
 - April - June
 - We are hoping the numbers will go up again.

PlaySpace:

- See administrator's report.

Ongoing Business:

- Spring Games Night
 - Went well. Good turn out of 136 people.
 - We would like to purchase some more games to build up our collection again, including "easy" games like Connect 4, Uno, card games, etc.
- A motion was made to spend up to \$200 for the purchase of new games. Motion made by Dayna Trann; seconded by Christine Collings. All in favour. Motion carried.
- In the future, what about (as a fundraiser?), an adult game night? Bingo? Trivia night? Maybe in November?

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- **Grade 8 Farewell**

- 845 - 945 am - on Monday, June 29th
- photo ops
- families are invited - info out soon
- Grade 8s want to do Olive Garden at the park
- students want to celebrate and mingle with family first and then head to KP
- back up plan - eat here and do a dance in the gym
- students - tables and chairs
- Sunday evening: Mandy to do the decor and would appreciate help!

New Business:

- New year's calendar - Tuesday/ Wednesdays for meetings?
 - Keep at Wednesday
 - PAC meetings will be on the second Wed of the month
- Discussion for next year
 - Can we include a virtual component going forward?
 - We can look into the logistics of that for next year.
- Sept 23 - Fall Gathering
 - We will set up a PAC table and will help out in whatever way is needed
- PAC shirts
 - order a few extras?
- Halloween Dance
 - Oct 22 Thursday —> potential date
- Craft Sale
 - November 21 - half of the tables are sold already
- Spring Fling
 - Grades 6 - 8 (10 classes)
 - aim for an April date
 - We'll get adults to supervise, but kids can be dropped off
 - We should take a survey of the kids.
 - A good DJ can help with engagement (ie. Just Dance, spot dances, prizes, etc.)
- We would like to add a PAC Instagram for next year.

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Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Christine Collings to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. Seconded by Dayna Trann. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 16th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm
with childcare provided.**