

West St. Paul Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

In Attendance:

Christine Collings, Vanessa Cecchini, Amber and Aaron Ayers, Alex Yuen, Jaspreet Kaur Gill, Amanda Kruger, Wesley Whiteside, Lisa Whiteside, Tammy Harder, Jenny Macdonald, David Ingram, Cathy Gingera (teacher)

Regrets: Dayna Trann, Brianne Lisecki, Eleanor Laminger, Kelly Bishop

Call to Order and Greetings:

Greetings and call to order at 6:03 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion made to accept the agenda by Amber Ayres, with minor changes; seconded by Wesley Whiteside. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Minutes from March 11, 2025

- Motion made to accept the minutes by Vanessa Cecchini; seconded by Amber Ayres. Motion carried.

Administrative Report:

- Admin has approached the Phys Ed. teachers about bleachers.
 - bleachers cost about \$4500 each
 - they would only be used for after school events, and they take up room and are not very helpful during the day time
 - we currently have 8 wooden benches - 4 for the teams to sit on, and 4 for people watching the games
 - maybe we can purchase two more benches
 - PAC agrees that we would like to listen to the Phys Ed staff and respect their classroom space
- current enrollment is 600 students
- there have been no updates on staffing or on portables
- underground teacher spirit week went really well
 - Staff chose a different costume or change each day and the kids noticed the difference. It was a lot of fun!
- Wednesday, April 9th will be Spotlight (formerly Divisional Day of Dance). We have 75 students going to SOPAC on Wednesday (both tap and bhangra)

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Executive Reports:

Chair:

- No report to make

Vice Chair:

- Sends her regrets
- No report to make

Past Chair:

- Not present.

Financial Report:

- Current balance \$43,454.92

Fundraising:

- Krispy Kreme fundraiser
 - we sold 480 boxes of donuts
 - we will have a profit of \$3300
 - the ordering was super easy
 - Brianne, Vanessa, and Amanda will pick up from store
 - local pick up of donuts: Wednesday, April 16th at Access Centre (3 - 5 pm)

Hot Lunch:

- McDonald's has agreed to keep the prices of our chicken nuggets at \$3.99 for the rest of the year, so that we are not taking a hit
- Vanessa is looking at whether the Main Street location is a better fit, as opposed to Keewatin
- Hot Lunch Forms - Christine
 - there was a parent concern about a large order that no one raised any concern about
 - discussion was held about what we can do handle this situation (ie. parent signatures?) - no change is to be made at this time

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- David and Christine both addressed the issue with this parent
- Alex will look into an online profile/ app that will allow all ordering and payment to be done electronically
 - this would help speed up counting, as well as deal with potential problems

Ongoing Business:

- Grade 8 Farewell
 - Cathy Gingera is the teacher planning this event and she spoke to us about the evening
 - June 26th from 5:00 - 7:30 pm at the Service Centre on Grassmere
 - Olive Garden for dinner
 - PAC will provide 2 sheet cakes and decorations (including a photo booth)
 - we can get in to decorate at any time of the day
 - balloon backdrop/ table cloths/ centrepieces = Michelle can help out but isn't available on that day
- PAC will purchase 2 Costco cakes (ensure that it's nut free), plates, and cutlery, as well as decorations and a photo booth
- next meeting - we will have a number for the budget for approval
- Games Night
 - will be held on Thursday, April 24th
 - it will be a free event
 - we have volunteers coming in to help out
 - we will have board games for individuals/ groups to come and play; but we will also offer some group games (ie. Bingo, trivia, Kahoot)
 - a canteen will have snacks available for purchase
 - we will put to try and get all ages out (including middle years students)
- Teacher Appreciation Day
 - May 6th - Teacher / Staff Appreciation - or whenever that week
 - Monday set up and Tuesday will be the day
 - Christine and Michelle will take care of this
 - it will be a grab and go snack station
- Motion made to spend up to \$300 for Teacher Appreciation Day supplies by Wesley Whiteside; seconded by Amber Ayres. Motion carried.

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- Welcome to Kindergarten Night
 - Wednesday, May 7th from 530 - 630
 - we will have information about PAC, as well as tattoos and possibly glow bracelets
 - we will also do a “count the candy in the jar”
 - people to sit at the table: Dayna, Aaron, possibly Amber, possibly Lisa
 - Amber and Aaron will purchase supplies
- AGM Planning and Constitution Revision
 - May 13th at 6 pm.
 - we will purchase food like last year (pizza, salads) - Lisa will order
 - David will send out the call for nominations
 - proposed changes to the constitution will go out to the community two weeks before the AGM
 - a discussion was had about the changes made; we will vote on the proposed changes at the AGM
 - those on a committee will need to prepare a report for the AGM

New Business:

- no new business

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Christine Collings to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. Seconded by Michelle Kippen. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 @ 6:00 – 7:30 pm
with child care provided and a meal provided.**