

# West St. Paul Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** Tuesday, March 11, 2025

**In Attendance:**

Christine Collings, Dayna Trann, Vanessa Cecchini, Brianne Lisecki, Amber and Aaron Ayres, Kelly Bishop, Eleanor Laminger, Jaspreet Kaur Gill, Lisa Whiteside, Tammy Harder, Jenny Macdonald David Ingram

**Call to Order and Greetings:**

Greetings and call to order at 6:03 pm.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

- Slight change to the agenda, as we have a short presentation from Pat of the Lions Club.

On behalf of the Lions Club, Pat presented a cheque to our Chair Christine Collings in the amount of \$1500. This is to purchase another set of decodable books for our students. Thank you for the generous donation, Lions Club of West St Paul!

Also, the Lions Club came in and gave \$400 for 10 compost bins run by the UNESCO club. They also issued a challenge to the communities and families to help take care of the garden boxes over the summer.

They are committing to help out with the Family Fun Night, and will volunteer and provide some monetary assistance.

They continue to look for the forms for the grants and will get back to us when they have that information.

- Motion made to accept the agenda by Dayna Trann; seconded by Amber Ayres. Motion carried.

**Adoption of the Minutes from February 11, 2025**

- Motion made to accept the minutes by Amber Ayres; seconded by Dayna Trann. Motion carried.

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## **Administrative Report:**

- David Ingram will be retiring at the end of this school year. Congratulations on your retirement and best of luck in the future, David!
- Preparing for next year's staffing has started: with two portables, admin is requesting two additional staff for the school.
- Current enrollment is 602 students
- Teachers have begun to order supplies that we have supplied them money for
- Report cards went home today - Parent Teacher interviews will run Thursday evening and all day Friday.
- Phys Ed teachers are looking at the possibility for bleachers - they are looking at different sizes, but there is no pricing yet.
- The school has ordered a set of decodable readers.
- Portables should be here for a September start; it's looking good!
- Mats for the gym walls are ordered; expected to arrive in mid April/ May.
- WSP staff really appreciated the funds and ongoing support from PAC.

## **Executive Reports:**

### **Chair:**

- No report to make

### **Vice Chair:**

- No report to make

### **Past Chair:**

- Not present.

## **Financial Report:**

- Current balance is \$45,046, but there is still money to go out for the rest of the school year.

## **Fundraising:**

- Krispy Kreme fundraiser will happen this spring.
- We hope to have order forms out on Monday, March 17 and forms will be due on Friday, March 28th.
- Pick up of Krispy Kreme donuts will be on Wednesday, April 16th.

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## **Hot Lunch:**

- McDonald's raised their prices again - quite a bit
  - for example: nuggets jumped by \$1.29
  - we will be losing money on this, but will be making money in other areas
- for next year, we will have to consider what this looks like
  - maybe we can do our own cooking going forward? look at other options?
- Subway and McDonalds orders are all completed for the rest of the year

## **Ongoing Business:**

- **Teacher Wish List - Follow Up**
  - teachers are ordering through the office
- **Parent/ Teacher PAC Table**
  - we will set up a PAC table on Thursday evening and possibly Friday during the day for Parent Teacher interviews
  - this is part of our ongoing aim to have presence and pass along information to parents and the community
- **Middle Year's Events/ Connections**
  - PAC will not be directly involved in the Middle Years Birds Hill Day
- **Constitution Revisions**
  - Please read the constitution and be prepared to discuss it next month.
  - Before the AGM in May, we have to have the proposed resolutions reviewed and out so that we can review and discuss.

## **New Business:**

- **Spring Event - Trivia Night**
  - We will be hosting a Games night for families of West St Paul School.
  - It will be a come and go board games night.
  - We are looking at Thursday, April 24th.
- A motion was made by Lisa Whiteside to spend up to \$1000 on a budget for this event. Seconded by Eleanor Laminger. All in favour.
- **Teacher Appreciation**
  - looking at options for Teacher Appreciation this year.
  - any items that the staff would appreciate or need for their staff room?
  - possibly provide a Costco lunch tray?
  - aim for the first week in May and will discuss further in April .

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- **Grade 8 Farewell - plans?**
  - we would like to continue ordering the 2 Costco cakes and help with decorations
  - Grade 8 Farewell event is Thursday, June 26th

### **Adjournment:**

- A motion was made by Christine Collings to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm.  
Seconded by Dayna Trann. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 @ 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
with child care provided.**