

École Van Walleghem School-Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: École Van Walleghem School Library

PC Executive Members in Attendance: Melanie Murchison, Pooja Sharma, Colleen Peluso, Jolene Robson, Rochelle Reynolds

Regrets: Ally Beauchesne, Jen McPhail, Jaymie Hamilton, Grace Kim

Administration in Attendance: Monaliza Vianzon (Principal)

Call to Order: 6:04 p.m.

Motions:

-A motion was made by Melanie to adopt the minutes from the last meeting (January 13, 2026). It was moved by Jolene, seconded by Pooja. Carried.

-A motion was made by Melanie to adopt this evening's agenda. It was moved by Jolene, seconded by Rochelle. Carried.

A. Administration Report

Monaliza reported on the following for us:

Thank-You's: Thanks to the PC for organizing the online safety presentation that took place on January 28, the recent Movie Night (the second one this year!) and general parent support for all of the extra-curricular activities.

School goals for 2025-26: The goals continue to be Engagement, Literacy & Numeracy and Indigenous Perspectives (they have been focused on at different PD dates). The “Six Global Competencies” were examined during the staff PD day on January 30.

Activities: Grade 7 and 8 provincial assessments have taken place, there were the Grad 6 and Grade 7/8 February band concerts, upcoming “Festi-VW”, and many clubs (Mathematica, Dungeons & Dragons, Concours d’Arts Oratoire, Grade 7 Spring Musical, Choir).

Leadership: There are many opportunities for students. Patrols, Reconcili-action Club, “Tabs for Wheelchairs”

Construction Update: The roof is projected to be completed by the end of February!

February Events: I Love to Read, Festival du Voyageur, and Black History Month will all be celebrated at VW.

Important Dates: Please see calendar for a complete list.

February 12-Student-led conferences

February 13-No classes for students

February 26-27-Grade 6/7 ski trip

*Please encourage those with children turning 5 by December to attend the upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on February 24.

B. Reports from Executive PC Members (for those who have updates this month)

Chair/Vice-Chair Report (Ally & Mel)

-Another successful movie night occurred last Friday night. 141 people attended and positive feedback was received. The next movie night won't take place until next fall unless someone else wants to coordinate and plan it.

Treasurer's Report (Jen)

-Current balance is \$37,537

Communications Report (Grace & Jolene)

-No new updates to report

Site Chair Report (Jaymie)

-No new updates to report

Linden Woods Fall Classic (Rochelle)

-The committee has met and planning for 2026 has started off well. We have a new member taking on sponsorship. He is a former VW student (not a current parent though). The date for the race is Sunday, October 4. The charities for the year have been selected. We will once again be supporting "Mama Bear Clan", "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" and whatever VW PC (in conjunction with school staff) would like. One suggestion is to put funds toward the "Reconcili-Action" projects. Cheques for the three recipients for 2025 need to be written out.

Social Chair (Pooja)

-No new updates to report

Fundraising (Jaymie)

-No new updates to report

C. Parent Council Initiatives:

Discussion/Actions from Meeting (see reports above)

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| Grade 8 Farewell | -Monaliza and Damon are waiting until after student-led conferences to meet with teachers. Monaliza is not sure where the parents are at right now in their planning. |
| Events-Melanie | -The Education events have not been well-attended this year, despite all of the advertising done. Are they worth the trouble to coordinate if attendance is so low? -Movie night was once again successful (see report below). Profit to be determined yet but may be around \$500. We had stuff left over from last time, which helped with cost. Gatorade is very popular. Not many people rsvp'd, which made planning difficult. *Cash box: it would be an idea to keep a cash float available for future events |
| Dance in the Park-Colleen | -Dance in the Park (a school-wide event) will be taking place this year on June 10. Parents are invited to picnic with their children and dance along. Does the PC want to host a canteen or lunch like we did in the past? We would need to advertise for volunteers (not just asking those on the PC to do more). Last year had a good turn out of parents. There were 3 or 4 restaurants to choose from. This needs to be well- |

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| | <p>organized ahead of time. Colleen is willing to work on some of this with Jaymie but cannot guarantee she can get the day off of work. Pooja is willing to help Colleen.</p> |
| <p>Fun Lunches-Melanie</p> | <p>- It continues to be difficult to find volunteers to help distribute lunches. It does not seem to matter how much we blast out messages (various medias have been tried). It may need to be reduced to every other week. Perhaps a message to the community such as, “If you choose to sign-up for Fun Lunch, you need to volunteer at least once during the year” may be necessary. We cannot rely on the office to do this task for us. Most schools do not run fun lunches every week.</p> <p>-Ideas to consider: Dividing lunches by grades 1-4 and 5-8. People may complain or get confused about who has fun lunch if they have multiple children but it may be necessary to make distribution manageable. Could the Grade 8’s help out? Could parents volunteer in the classroom and then stay to help with lunches since they are already there?</p> <p>-We do not seem to be getting extra lunches this year from the companies (this was the deal last year).</p> <p>-Cutlery: office doesn’t provide cutlery. Can PC purchase and keep it at the school? Action: Jolene to talk to Jaymie about this idea. Action: Jolene to connect with Damon about Grade 7’s.</p> |
| <p>Communication-Jolene</p> | <p>-The current weekly email from the PC (created by Jolene and Grace) feels repetitive and parents are not reading it carefully. Jolene suggests monthly messages and can always bring new initiatives forward when needed.</p> |
| <p>Appreciation Events-Pooja</p> | <p>-Staff Appreciation Week: Normally takes place in March when there is a four-day week for staff. This is so staff can enjoy the leftovers on the Friday and we only have to cover 4 days of recess duties. We will</p> |

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| | <p>plan for the week of March 16-20. Action: Pooja will connect with Jolene/Grace for social media promotions. Action: Monaliza and Pooja will connect.</p> <p>-This week is Teacher Appreciation Week at a provincial level (not the one organized on a school level by the PC)</p> <p>- Administrative Professionals Day: Will take place Wednesday, April 22. Pooja is working on creating baskets as a gift. It can hard to shop for male staff! Action: Please send your ideas to Pooja. Ideas: Gift cards? Food cards?</p> |
| Other News/Questions | <p>-Rochelle spoke with Rohit, who is eager to help us get our minutes up on the website. As we experienced in the past, it is not easy to create folders to organize our documents. Rohit is waiting for information back from the IT department.</p> |

Adjournment of PC Initiatives: 7:18 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Melanie. It was moved by Jolene and seconded by Colleen. Carried.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 10, 2026