

École Van Walleghem School-Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: École Van Walleghem School Library

PC Executive Members in Attendance: Ally Beauchesne, Melanie Murchison, Jen McPhail, Jaymie Hamilton, Colleen Peluso, Jolene Robson, Grace Kim, Rochelle Reynolds

Regrets: Pooja Sharma

Administration in Attendance: Monaliza Vianzon (Principal), Damon Klassen (Vice-Principal)

Call to Order: 6:05 p.m.

Motions:

-A motion was made by Melanie to adopt the minutes from the last meeting (November 18, 2025). It was moved by Jolene, seconded by Jaymie. Carried.

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

-A motion was made by Melanie \$200 to spend up to \$200 for treats and costs associated with the next movie night. It was moved by Grace, seconded by Colleen. Carried.

-A motion was made by Ally to allocate \$1500 toward the Grade 8 farewell. It was moved by Grace, seconded by Colleen. Carried.

-A motion was made by Ally to have the administration portion take place at the beginning of our meetings. It was moved by Jen, seconded by Jaymie. Carried.

A. Parent Council Initiatives:

Discussion/Actions from Meeting (see reports below)

Movie Night-Melanie	<p>-Movie night in November went really well and all comments were positive. We bought a popcorn maker ahead of time (thanks to Jolene for working it!). Grade 7 students helped out at the canteen. The event was well-attended (161 kids).</p> <p>-A school dance as another fun event would potentially take place in April. We are hoping for another movie night in February (before February 16 is preferable due to events happening in the gym through Phys. Ed). Action: Monaliza and Melanie to plan a date.</p> <p>-Costs associated with first movie night: permit was bought for the year for \$595. We have lots of drinks and treats left over from last time. This first movie night made \$504 (approximately) so it paid back some expenses.</p> <p>-Lots of students from grades 1-4 attended there but some 7 and 8's. Some behaviour issues occurred involving running around. Some</p>
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	<p>older students were just hanging out but not watching the movie. Action: In the next RSVP, include information around behaviour expectations.</p> <p>-Ideas for future movie night: use small gym for coloring for students who start getting bored, play two different movies. Do not use the library, as the floor is carpeted and the books are expensive if there is trouble.</p> <p>*More parent volunteers needed to make this event occur!</p>
Fundraising-Jaymie	<p>-Jaymie needs to fill out forms by tomorrow if we want to go with the Glenlea Plant Fundraiser. Sales have been declining over the last few years. The plants are good quality. Many schools use this fundraiser.</p> <p>-May 21 is the delivery date. Someone needs to be here to accept the plants. Lots of volunteers are needed but they are not hard to recruit. Ordering starts on February 1 with the deadline of April 11.</p> <p>Action: Monaliza to check if date for plants was pre-booked from last year's Chair.</p> <p>-Question: Where does the money go that is raised? Answer: We have been working hard at prioritizing and finalizing our fundraising goals for the year. This information will be released in February.</p>
Fun Lunches-Jaymie	<p>-What do we do when student who have ordered fun lunch are sick or gone away on school activities? We would like a process so parents know what to expect. Action: School office staff will continue to put these lunches in the fridge. If parents can pick up lunches from the office at the end of the day, that would be very helpful.</p> <p>-Comment: There has been some confusion with parents not always doing separate orders for each child. This practice is encouraged to avoid confusion.</p> <p>-More volunteers are still needed to help pass out lunches. Action: Jolene/Grace to put this out on social media with link to Signup Genius.</p>

	-Everything is organized up to the end of the year. Next year: can reconsider if we have the lunches every week or every other week.
Grade 8 Farewell	-Planning is starting soon with a committee in place (about 15 parents). Grade 8 Farewell consists of parents planning a separate event outside of school hours. -Jen will write the cheque and give it to Monaliza or Damon to deposit into the bank account. Parents will not have direct control of the funds and will be reimbursed when they need to purchase something.
Social Chair-Pooja	-Administrative Professionals' Day is in April. Pooja was unable to attend tonight but is working on planning the day. She would like to know the genders/pronouns of the office staff.
Other News/Questions	-Online safety is coming up and is still happening on January 28 at 6:00 p.m. Action: Jolene/Grace to post about the event on social media and promote through our PC newsletters. Action: Ally to talk to Jolene about childcare (should it be promoted as well?). -Minutes: Due to the changing secretarial staff, it has not been possible to get PC minutes posted to the school website nor to update this section. Rohit (new secretary) just started and it is now a good time to approach him regarding this. Action: Rochelle to talk to Rohit.

Adjournment of PC Initiatives: 6:57 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Melanie. It was moved by Jaymie and seconded by Jen. Carried.

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

Chair/Vice-Chair Report (Ally & Mel)

-No new updates to report

Treasurer's Report (Jen)

-Current balance is \$39, 989

Communications Report (Grace & Jolene)

-No new updates to report

Site Chair Report (Jaymie)

-No new updates to report

Linden Woods Fall Classic (Rochelle)

-No new updates to report

Social Chair (Pooja)

-No new updates to report

Fundraising (Jaymie)

-No new updates to report

C. Administration Report

Monaliza and Damon reported on the following for us:

Appreciations: Thank you to the PC for the winter concert venue donation and Maman Bear donations! Term 1 reports came out and the administration appreciates the feedback.

School Plan: Priorities are still Numeracy and Literacy, Indigenous perspectives, and the “5 Star” frame

Current Activities: There is lots going on! Volleyball, basketball, indoor track, winter concert, Indigenous Student Circle did some cooking with Mme Beauregard, and Reconili-Action group took part in preparations to help Mama Bear.

Updates: Roof may be completed by end of January.

Reminders: Friendly reminders to please send students with proper winter gear. Traffic and safety in the loop (drop offs and pickups) continues to be a problem and is very concerning. Please try to drop off students in grades 3-8 at a different location.

Important dates: Please see the school calendar for a complete list.

January 30: no school

February 3 and 4: band concerts

Feb 24: Kindergarten information night

Feb 12: student led conferences (evening)

Adjourned: 7:18 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 10, 2026