

École Van Walleghem School-Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 10, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: École Van Walleghem School Library

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

Regrets: Jolene Robson

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

Call to Order: 6:03 p.m.

Motions:

-A motion was made by Melanie to adopt the minutes from the last meeting (February 10, 2026). It was moved by Grace, seconded by Pooja. Carried.

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

-A motion was made by Melanie to buy 20 new iPads for the school. It was moved by Jen, seconded by Rochelle. Carried.

-A motion was made by Melanie to give \$500 towards cultural presentations (and can be carried forward for next year if there are funds remaining). It was moved by Ally, seconded by Grace. Carried.

-A motion was made by Ally to put \$1764 toward sports jerseys. It was moved by Jen, seconded by Jaymie. Carried.

-A motion was made by Ally to give \$500 toward the Mama Bear Clan June block party: It was moved by Pooja, seconded by Grace. Carried.

A. Administration Report

Damon and Monaliza reported on the following for us:

Thank-You's: Thank you to families for attending the recent student led-conferences and Kindergarten Information Night. Thank you to Colleen for speaking on behalf of the Parent Council!

School goals for 2025-26: The goals continue to be Engagement, Literacy & Numeracy and Indigenous Perspectives. The six “global competencies” are being embedded within the school goals.

Recent Activities: February was a very busy month! We celebrated the 100th day of school, Black History Month, I Love to Read and Festi-VW. The grade 6/7's went on the ski trip and Basketball wrapped up. Two teams are going to the finals! The two choirs sang in the Winnipeg Music Festival, winning gold and silver.

Leadership: Special Olympics recently took place and the Leadership students supported this event. Another event will be coming up soon.

Spirit Week: Is happening March 23-27 (more information to follow).

Roof Construction: We are in the final touches!

Important Dates: See school calendar for the complete list.

March 16-19 Parent Council Staff Appreciation Week

March 20: No school for students

March 26: Report cards come out

May 23: New date for school musical

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

*There was no folder created for the reports this month due to difficulties with the Google Drive. **Action: Ally will create one living document that we will use to scroll through for the rest of the year.**

Chair/Vice-Chair Report (Ally & Mel)

-No new updates this month

Treasurer's Report (Jen)

-Current balance is \$36,637 and investment are \$18,490

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 this month

Social Chair (Pooja)

-No new updates this month

Fundraising (Jaymie)

(Jaymie Hamilton, vwpcfundraisingchair@gmail.com)

	BP	Chopped Leaf	Edo Japan	Fionn McCools	KFC	McDonalds	Pita Pit	Subway	WayBack	Wok Box
9-Sep						56.75	7			
16-Sep			29.6		31.72					
23-Sep	45.75							24.25		
7-Oct	36.25								55.5	
14-Oct		20.61								43.68
21-Oct						69.5		21.25		

28-Oct		29.38	43.16		
4-Nov	8.28				68.5
18-Nov			81.25	21	
25-Nov		32.21	42.38		
2-Dec	47.25				39
9-Dec	19.25		31.25		
16-Dec			78.75	22.5	
6-Jan		22.04	52.53		
13-Jan	27.02		71.5		
20-Jan			152.5	39	
27-Jan	104.5			29	
3-Feb		58.39	74.97		

10-Feb		21.05							136.5	
17-Feb						146		41.5		
24-Feb	111							35		
3-Mar			45.5			79.5				
TOTALS	344.75	96.21	217.12	102.75	324.26	584.75	71	169.5	299.5	43.68

Fun Lunch total to date = 2253.52

- Some restaurants continue to deliver around 10:30am. PC will continue to work with the school staff and restaurants to optimize the delivery and orders to the best of our ability

- Generally, there have been no issues with missing meals. PC volunteers continue to remain at the school into the lunch period to resolve issues as they arise.

-A few parents reached out regarding the Wok Box refunds, there were minor issues that have been resolved. After the issues with Wok Box, it was decided in November that PC would no longer be using Wok Box

-As of Jan 2026, fun lunch up charges have increased an additional \$0.25 - \$0.50 per order.

Mabel's Labels total profits to date = \$15.10

C. Parent Council Initiatives:

Discussion/Actions from Meeting (see reports above)

Fundraising Allocations-Ally and Melanie	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-We ranked our priorities/preferences back in November, based on a “wish list” from the school staff. Please refer to handout given this evening to see how wish items were ranked.-Swimming lessons: Jen contacted Aquaessence awhile back to find out about swimming lessons. Monaliza reported that PTSD is looking into this as a future program, as there are many factors to consider. At this point, we would not be able to pay for all lessons.-Priorities established should most likely continue into next year.-Emergency fund: Should we set a buffer amount to always leave in the account? \$10,000 was decided upon last year in case fundraising doesn't go as well as expected from year to year. We could leave \$3000 to save for concert/band events that are getting more and more
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	<p>expensive (and are yearly expenses). Consensus: nothing decided this meeting, tabled until April.</p> <p>-It appears that we are funding activities/materials that were always funded by the school. This is due to budget cuts beyond the administration's control and would need to lead to a bigger conversation beyond the school level.</p> <p>-Initially we gave money for the June Band concert venue as a way to support this program since we were funding the K-5 concert. We will remove this from our list for now but re-visit next year.</p> <p>-Glenlea Plant Fundraiser will go toward the outdoor picnic tables. Action: Jolene/Grace to get this information advertised with the fundraiser. Action: Jaymie will change Healthy Hunger information to reflect that donations to the PC will go toward picnic tables.</p> <p>Idea: Advertise that if every person donates \$5, this will go toward reaching our goal a lot quicker.</p> <p>-Is there a way for parents to contribute cash donations for parents who do not buy fun lunches but would like to contribute? Consensus: table for April.</p>
Social Events-Pooja	<p>-Staff Appreciation Week: There has been a good response for sign-ups for food! Getting volunteers to receive/organize food has been harder. Action: Pooja to move the position of "receiving volunteer" to the top of the list so people see this right away.</p> <p>-Pooja has started looking into gifts for Administrative Professionals' Day in April.</p>
Dance in the Park-Colleen	<p>-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. We need to organize lunches to order ahead of time. If it rains, students will have to eat in their classrooms. There has never been a rain date or different plan.</p>

<p>Fun Lunches-Jaymie</p>	<p>-McDonald's is the biggest seller by about \$200. KFC and McDonald's are bought more frequently.</p> <p>-Lunches still tend to sometimes arrive early, which is a problem.</p> <p>-Volunteer fatigue from the same three or four parents continues to be a problem.</p> <p>-Idea: Grade 8's as volunteers? Days 2 and 4 will not work due to scheduling conflicts (classes that students cannot miss). They would need to be supported by an adult. Lunch Monitors are not an option as they would need to be paid for the extra time.</p> <p>-Action: Jolene/Grace to send out a message communicating the dire situation to the parents. Fun Lunch may have to be reduced to every other week if we cannot get more volunteers.</p> <p>-Some students are not receiving their lunches that were ordered. Idea: We could make cards that are given to these students to show their parents in order to communicate the issue.</p>
<p>Linden Woods Fall Classic-Rochelle/Jen</p>	<p>-Jen has finished all of the accounting for the 2025 LWFC. Profit totals were \$7588.35. They are divided by 3 to go towards the school, Mama Bear and Sleep in Heavenly Peace.</p> <p>-Last year, it was decided that the 1/3 of the 2025 profits for VW would go toward a Fine Arts scholarship fund to help students from year to year who cannot afford to attend these programs. Rochelle and committee do not know if the funds were used ahead of time yet since the committee does not see what happens to the funds once they go into the accounts. Camps for this academic year have already taken place. Action: Monaliza to talk with Tori to find out if the funds were already spent.</p>

Other Business/Questions	-Chair positions on the PC may need to be looked at to reflect the changing times. For example, do we still need an Education Chair if not many parents are attending the events? Melanie and Ally were planning to look through the Bylaws and Constitution. Changes must be put out to the community 14 days before the AGM. Action: Everyone can think of what changes they would or would not like to see.
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Adjournment of PC Initiatives: 8:03 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Melanie. It was moved by Jen and seconded by Jaymie. Carried.

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 14, 2026