

École Van Walleghem School-Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: École Van Walleghem School Library

PC Executive Members in Attendance: Ally Beauchesne, Melanie Murchison, Jen McPhail, Pooja Sharma, Larissa Kanhai, Jaymie Hamilton, Rochelle Reynolds, Nadia Krivosheeva

Regrets: None

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

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Motions:

-A motion was made to adopt this evening's agenda. Moved by Jaymie, seconded by Jen. Carried.

-A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the May 13, 2025 meeting. Moved by Jaymie, seconded by Jen. Carried.

.....

A. Parent Council Initiatives:

Chair's Report (Ally)	-No formal report (not much new to report) -It was wonderful to meet everyone at "Meet the Teacher" night last week! -Ally and Mel have new ideas to talk about later on for the year.
Vice Chair's Report (Melanie)	-No formal report (not much new to report) -Mel and Ally had a good initial meeting with Monaliza and Damon before school started.
Treasurer's Report (Jen)	-We have money to spend this year! The plan is to see what we have available and then make plans based on the savings. -At the moment, we have approximately \$30,000 in the bank and \$17,000 in a GIC. A good chunk is in the restricted funds for the Linden Woods Fall Classic (for costs associated with putting on the race). -Action: We need to come up with a "Wish List" with the administration and teachers to help guide our spending and planning. -Notes/Comments: Fun Lunches earn approximately \$1000 per month (December is lower).
Communications Chair's Report (Nadia)	-No formal report (not much new to report) -Nadia has been drafting letters and will continue with all of the communication techniques she employed last year (Instagram, newsletter updates, etc.).
Site Chair's Report (Jaymie)	-No formal report (not much new to report) -The playground looks great! One piece broke off already but has since been repaired. -There is some concern about dogs coming (unleashed) with

	parents to the school during drop-off. Whose responsibility is this? -Jaymie still needs a VW PC email. Action: Nadia to create all of them/review.
Linden Woods Fall Classic Race (Rochelle)	-Rochelle reviewed the history of the race. It was founded in 2004 by a VW parent and the VW Parent Council. Funds were borrowed for the first race and eventually paid back. The race has earned over \$150,000 since then and is sanctioned with the MRA. Proceeds have gone toward building the red structure, charities, VW projects, and the new playground. -Race day this year is Sunday, October 4 in the morning. -Current challenges: We only have 3 remaining VW parents on the board and some open positions (despite Nadia advertising well for us last year). Does the PC see a need to continue with the event? -Another idea going around is to turn the race over to current Grade 7 parents who will have children in Grade 8 next year. This could be used as a fundraiser for Grade 8 Québec trip and Farewell with parents on the board getting a cut of the profits. This idea has challenges that would have to be looked at. -Planning for this year is going well overall and we will continue with the same events as in the past. Please visit website at www.lwfc.ca for more info. *Note: The restricted account that houses the LWFC seed funding is approximately \$13,000.
Social Chair's Report (Pooja)	-No formal report (not much new to report) -Pooja takes care of organizing the annual "Staff Appreciation Week", "Administrative Professionals Day", and any other events that we think of.
	-No formal report (not much new to report)

Fundraising Chair's Report (Jaymie)	-Fun Lunches started back up this week and earned \$63.75. Restaurants are up until December. "Just in case" items are always ordered. -Last year, the lunches made around \$1000 per month. They will be earning significantly less this year, as we are not charging as much. -There are not a lot of volunteers coming out and this is important to help make the program run smoothly. Action: Please consider coming out to help, even once! There are 4 spots available and time is from 10:45-11:10 a.m. -In PTSD, we can only fundraise if we have a direct goal or need. Action: We need to think of what the fun lunches can go toward. -Note/Comment: Booster Juice smoothies tend to become very liquid by lunch
Education Chair's Report (Larissa)	-See report given. This is Larissa's first full year in the role as she took over last February! -Last year, there was a "Newcomer to Canada Welcome" event, a presentation on poverty by Siloam Mission, and a presentation by Larissa on cultural expectations (Living in Two Worlds). -Larissa wants to have a plan for the year. Action: Please give your suggestions to Larissa at: vwpeeducationchair@gmail.com -Action: Larissa and Monaliza to verify if there is a plan for a "Newcomer to Canada Welcome" event. -Comments/Ideas tonight: Repeat the "safety around technology/social media" presentation (do this one every two years), money talks for children, AI (how to navigate), anxiety/mental health with Mme Klimack (School Counsellor), Reconciliation. School constable is willing to present. Try a presentation around Reconciliation?
	-Meetings will take place normally on the second Tuesday of

Other Business	each month and will begin at 6:00 p.m. going forward. -Agenda items will be sent to Rochelle 8 days before meetings. Chairs will submit a report if there is anything new to report/discuss, it will be added to the agenda. Questions for Monaliza and Damon need to be pre-submitted. -We want to set fundraising goals and a budget for the year. Action: School and families need to think of ways to spend money. -More community building is something to try for this year. Ally and Melanie would like to establish an “Events Committee”. Action: If interested, please contact Ally or Melanie.
----------------	--

B. Administration Report

Monaliza and Damon are planning to keep communication consistent and regular. Grade 8’s have started their work as Lunch Monitors. Patrols will soon be invited to train. Construction situation will be updated to the community. Picture day is coming up on September 16. Staff will be heading out soon to patrol with Mama Bear. Mme Beauregard is the lead on this. The community is invited to donate things for Mama Bear. They hand out food and other needed items for people in need on Friday nights and walk as a group.

Motion to adjourn: This was moved by Melanie, seconded by Jaymie. Carried.

8:11 p.m.