École Assiniboine Parent Council Minutes
March 9, 2026

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Andrea Johnston

Attendees: Andrea Johnston (President), Mary Oscarson (Secretary), Jean Burnett (Principal), Jennifer Peters (Vice Principal), Rhea Epp, Emily Sauvé, Tara Smith
Regrets: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah (Vice President), Michelle Klassen (Treasurer)

Motion to approve March 9 agenda
Motion: Rhea Epp
Second: Mary Oscarson
Unanimously passed

Motion to approve minutes from February 11, 2026 meeting
Motion: Rhea Epp
Second: Mary Oscarson
Unanimously passed

President's Report
I was able to create a PAC flyer that went home to families last month. Thanks to Rhea for her idea and input on the flyer.

Treasurer's Report
Current Account Balance as of March 9, 2026 - **$17,816.96**

Playground Improvement Fund	$7790.50
Fundraising	$3005.68
General Revenue	$426.17
Pizza Donations	$46.77
Pizza Lunches	$1946.75
Milk Program carryforward	$1942.12
Milk Program (current)	$2658.97

Pending cheque for milk payment: -$1052.87 (Jan cheque lost in mail—payment is for Jan and Feb). Adjusted Milk Program is $1606.10.

Principal's Report
We currently have 289 students and 34 staff members.

Since our last meeting in February, we celebrated I Love to Read Month with various guest readers. Our choral went to Résidence Despins to sing traditional French-Canadian songs to the residents. We welcomed Micah who came and presented an interactive show to the students with French-Canadian songs. The students also enjoyed Bannock on that day. We had our Festival du Voyageur celebration with various activities around the school. Our grade 4 and 5 students participated in the Stevenson School Handball tournament.

We look forward to the upcoming events before Spring Break which is from March 30 – April 3rd:
• Spring photos on March 10th
• Club Orff attending the Music Festival at École Lavérendrye on March 17th
• Choir and Club Orff presenting at the Moose Game on May 19th
• Project Fair (Expo Sciences) on March 25th
• Field trip to St. James Lanes on March 26th and 27th

Thanks to the Parent Advisory Council once again for all their support.

Committee Reports

Playground Enhancement Sub-committee: Waiting on feedback from the Board Office on the first draft of the playground improvement plan.

Fundraising:

Confirmed:
Glenlea Greenhouse information will be going out at the end of March OR first week back after Spring Break. We have the delivery booked for **Thursday, May 14 at 9:30am.**

Pending:
Krispy Kreme: purchase boxes of donuts by the dozen (freezable). Rhea will pickup from Krispy Kreme and they will be available for family pickup on **Thursday, May 14** alongside Gleanlea.

Salisbury House: hot lunch on **Friday, April 17**. Choices will be a nip and wedges, winni dog and wedges, or cheese quesadilla. Gluten free and veggie options available.

Motion to participate in these two fundraisers with proceeds of both going to the playground enhancement fund.
Motion: Rhea Epp

Second: Mary Oscarson
Unanimously passed

Discussion:

- Kernels Popcorn could be an option but is more labour-intensive as popcorn comes in a large bag and we would be responsible for sorting and bagging orders. Something to think about next year.
- Being culturally aware of observances such as Ramadan when offering pizza or hot lunch.

New Business

Teacher Appreciation Week

We will do it for three days (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) during the week of April 13-17. Same sign-up options for families to contribute as in previous years.

Grade 5 Farewell

- Balloons and banner in school colours have been purchased.
- Event scheduled for June 25 at 1:00 PM.

End of School Year BBQ

- Thursday, June 11
- Outdoor games, Willy Dogs and Const. Sean Murphy and his police cruiser are booked; waiting on the firehouse booking as they don't confirm until April/May.

Motion to accept the cost of $420.00 for facepainting.
Motion: Rhea Epp
Second: Mary Oscarson
Unanimously passed

Teacher Requests
A request for $5.25 per Grade 1 student (38) to attend the Assiniboine Park Zoo field trip. Total cost: $199.50. Transportation paid by school division.

Motion to approve the subsidizing the Assiniboine Park Zoo field trip in the amount of $199.50.
Motion: Mary Oscarson

Second: Rhea Epp
Unanimously passed

A request for $7.50 per Grade 2 student (34) to attend the Manitoba Museum field trip. Total cost: $255.00. Transportation paid by school division.

Motion to approve the subsidizing of the Manitoba Museum field trip in the amount of $255.00.
Motion: Mary Oscarson
Second: Rhea Epp
Unanimously passed

A request for $2.50 per Grade 4/5 student (118) to attend the Stonewall Quarry field trip. Total cost: $295.00. Transportation paid by school division.

Motion to approve the subsidizing of the Stonewall Quarry field trip in the amount of $295.00.
Motion: Mary Oscarson
Second: Rhea Epp
Unanimously passed

Suggestion:

- Using a shelf and bins for individual lost clothing items rather than the table at the front. Other schools have done this and it works well. Rhea to investigate.

Adjournment: 6:43 PM

NEXT MEETING DATE – May 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM. Last meeting of the school year.