

École Assiniboine Parent Council Minutes

March 11, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Andrea Johnston

Attendees: Andrea Johnston (President), Hailey Gagnon-Hannah (Vice President), Michelle Klassen (Treasurer), Mary Oscarson (Secretary), Jean Burnett (Principal), Jennifer Peters (Vice Principal), Trisha Cundy, Rhea Epp, Christine Orjado, Merlyn Schlamp

Motion to approve agenda for March 11, 2025

Motion: Rhea Epp

Second: Trisha Cundy

Unanimously passed

Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting on February 11, 2025

- The following adjustments are made:
 - Correct spelling of Trisha Cundy's name

Motion: Rhea Epp

Second: Trisha Cundy

Unanimously passed

President's Report

I do not have much to report besides our usual business with pizza lunches and we finished up our Teacher Appreciation Week last month. We received a nice thank you card from the teachers saying thank you for the lovely treats and the week that we put on for them. I'd like to thank all our parent volunteers and parents who helped make this possible as well:
Thank you!

Our focus for the next couple months will be geared towards the end of year things that we like to fund and host. We are excited to have another end of school BBQ and I have been working on the planning of that and getting organized for our Grade 5 farewell things as well.

Motion to approve Hailey's daughter to provide childcare services during the PAC meeting and receive volunteer hours for doing so

Motion: Rhea Epp

Second: Mary Oscarson

Unanimously passed

Treasurer's Report

Current Account Balance as of March 11, 2025: **\$15042.18**

Playground Improvement Fund	\$4000.00
General Revenue/Fundraising	\$471.82
Milk Program carry forward	\$1942.12
Milk Program 2024/2025	\$2403.56
Pizza Lunches	\$1723.73
Pizza Donation	\$207.93
Fundraising 2024/2025	\$4293.92

- Milk sales have slowed slightly.
- Cost for milk has risen to .87¢ for white milk and .87¢ + GST for chocolate milk.
- Fall AGM will re-visit if the school may be able to cover milk through grant funding and how to move forward.

Principal's Report

- We currently have 297 students and 36 staff members.
- Since our last meeting in February, our choir students sang Oh Canada at the Moose Game on February 17th.
- Our grade 2 and 3 students attended the Symphony on February 19th.
- We enjoyed a lovely Festival du Voyageur mini-concert with traditional dancing from our grade 4 and 5 choir students during a school assembly on February 21st. This was a warm-up for their presentation at Résidence Despins.
- A few members of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers came out for I love to read month.
- Our Festival du Voyageur schoolwide celebration was on February 28th.
- We had some more dogs come to visit our grade 4 & 5 students from the Empathy for all Living Things program.
- Some of our grade 4 and 5 students attended the Basketball Friendship Tournament at Stevenson School.

- We are looking forward to several events before Spring Break including our grade 3 Orff students attending the Music Festival on March 20th, our Spring Photos (class photos and individual photos) on Thursday, March 27th, and our Project Fair on March 25–27th.

Committee Reports

N/A

New Business

- Playground Enhancement Sub-committee: Rhea Epp and Kristina Flynn
 - Playground Enhancement Update: Jean Burnett is in talks with the school division re: next steps. A lengthy process of back and forth begins as we work on this multi-step endeavour.
- Grade 5 Farewell – We would like to purchase t-shirts and cupcakes for the Grade 5s again this year. The cost and style of shirts will remain the same as last year. Each shirt will cost \$9.75 per student plus taxes and the cupcakes usually cost around \$200. The t-shirt company used is Canadian and local.

Motion to Approve that we proceed with Brick House Company to make the t-shirts for \$450.00 and to purchase the cupcakes for that day of \$200.00

Motion: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Second: Christine Orjado

Unanimously passed

- School Fundraising
 - Glenlea Greenhouse Fundraiser—packages sent home last week; will close on Tuesday, April 15. Pick up for the items purchased will be on Monday, May 12, just in time for the May long weekend.
 - Update re: two fundraisers (for funds to be used towards playground enhancements):
 - Stuffy sleepover
 - Rhea Epp to lead
 - Will need parent volunteers for a roughly 2-hour time commitment after school one day to take pictures of stuffies
 - Date TBA (after spring break)

- Will cost \$5 to send stuffy for a school sleepover
- Ideas welcome for stuffy shenanigans to photograph at school
- Photos will be sent to families
- Stuffedies will be returned to students
- Must fit in a clearly marked ziplock bag

➤ Dance-A-Thon

- Next school year after Winter Break
- Parent Council to run in the evening or after school (starting at 4 or 5pm for an hour or hour and half)

- Fun Lunch– we will skip the month of March and start back up again in April. We will do two more, one in April and one in May. Going to try Fridays for the last two as per parent suggestions.

Motion to approve the Fun Lunch on Friday, April 25

Motion: Merlyn Schlamp

Second: Trisha Cundy

Unanimously passed

Motion to approve the Fun Lunch on Friday, May 23

Motion: Rhea Epp

Second: Mary Oscarson

Unanimously passed

- End of School Year BBQ (Thursday, June 12)
 - Andrea wants to proceed with booking the following and needs approval to use PAC funds to pay the deposits:
 - Amazing Entertainment to book our games. The total is \$1,255 plus GST (this has gone up in price, \$200.00 more than last year). We are getting Axe Throwing, Basketball Toss, Football Toss, Connect 4, and 4 yard games.

Motion to approve booking Amazing Entertainment, with a total of \$1,255.00 plus GST

Motion: Mary Oscarson

Second: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Unanimously passed

- Face Painting – using the same vendors as last year. They have gone up by \$10.00. For two face painters for two hours, it is \$210.00 per face painter.

Motion to approve booking the two face painters, with a total of \$420.00 (\$210 each)

Motion: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Second: Rhea Epp

Unanimously passed

- Teachers BBQ Food Items—propose that PAC covers the cost of staff meal tickets for the BBQ. Last year's total was \$120.00. Staff includes teachers, EAs, and admin staff.

Motion to approve that PAC covers the costs of teachers and staff meals that attend the BBQ on June 12

Motion: Mary Oscarson

Second: Christine Orjado

Unanimously passed

- Prizes—we have some items left over (notebooks, pencils, suckers). Will need to purchase more prizes (Croc Jibitz were a hit and none are left over). A budget of \$300.00 should suffice.

Motion to approve a budget of \$300.00 towards purchasing prizes for the BBQ

Motion: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Second: Mary Oscarson

Unanimously passed

- Treat from PAC: Ice Cream or Popsicles or Freezies – discuss
 - Ice Cream cost us \$875.00 last year. To save money the hope is the school would let use their freezer to do Freezies. We could cut the cost down drastically and give students freezies or popsicles.

- Not doing popcorn this year as it is a time-consuming process making for so many people.

Motion to approve that we proceed with Freezies with a budget of \$300.00

Motion: Rhea Epp

Second: Trisha Cundy

Unanimously passed

- Field trips/special events—A request was made that teachers submit all field trip and special event coverage requests for the March meeting.

Motion to approve partial funding of the Grade 2 field trip to the Manitoba Museum (Ultimate Field Trip Experience: science demonstration, science gallery, planetarium, museum galleries) at \$10/student for 39 students at a cost of \$390.

Motion: Rhea Epp

Second: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Unanimously passed

Motion to approve partial funding of the Grade 1 classes and Grade 1/2 class field trip to the Assiniboine Park Zoo at \$5.29/student for 56 students at a cost of \$296.24.

Motion: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Second: Mary Oscarson

Unanimously passed

Motion to approve partial funding of the Grade 4/5 classes and Grade 3/4 class field trip to Manitoba Museum (Fur Trade and Legends of the Skies) at \$5.00/student for 107 students at a cost of \$535.00.

Motion: Christine Orjado

Second: Merlyn Schlamp

Unanimously passed

Motion to approve the \$250 cost of opening the City of Winnipeg washrooms at Bruce Park for the Grades 3, 4, and 5 outdoor education day.

Motion: Merlyn Schlamp

Second: Michelle Klassen

Unanimously passed

Motion to approve funding the Grade 3 classes and the Grade 2/3 class trip to the Japanese Cultural Centre at \$5.00/student for 60 students at a cost of \$300.

Motion: Mary Oscarson

Second: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Unanimously passed

Adjournment 7:04

Next meeting: Monday, May 5, 2025 at 6 PM