

Sir William Osler Parent Advisory Council (PAC)  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** **Wednesday, October 15, 2019**

**Location:** École Sir William Osler (ESWO)  
1600 Grant Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3N 0M5

<b>Present:</b>	Dominique Ostermann; Denessa Martin; Lauren MacDiarmid; Amber Hammond; Alisha Bradbury; Brenna Haimes-Kusumoto; Avery Jodoin
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1. Meeting called to order at:	6:00 p.m.
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**2. Reports:**

**2.a Chair's Report:**

- Denessa opened the PAC meeting and asked Amber and Mme. Ostermann to provide the Treasurer and Principal's reports for October.

**2.b Treasurer's Report:**

- Amber provided an overview of the PAC's current financial position. The PAC account is in good standing.

**2.c Principal's Report:**

- Mme. Ostermann provided an overview of École Sir William Osler's (ESWO) priorities for the 2019/20 school year; which are as follows:
  - *Students will develop a solid base in French oral language (vocabulary and language structures) to be able to express themselves during conversations, subject matter and when talking about their learning throughout the whole day.*
  - *Students will develop a greater depth of understanding related to the strategies and processes in reading and writing*
  - *Students will develop a greater depth of understanding related to the strategies and processes in numeracy and mental math in order to independently engage in independent and innovative learning.*
  - *Students will develop an increased awareness of the seven scientific processes skills (classifying, observing, measuring, inferring, predicting, communicating, experimenting) in order to apply them to the learning of new knowledge in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activities.*

- ESWO has been gifted a set of basketball hoops from Stanley Knowles school. Mme. Ostermann is waiting on installation information from the division.
- The volleyball nets that the school had wanted to purchase cannot be installed as they don't fit in the gym's current configuration. As an alternative, there are badminton nets that will fit in the space. The nets will be able to work for both volleyball and badminton; and they are less costly than the volleyball nets that the school originally intended to purchase. Mme. Ostermann requested financial support from the PAC to purchase the poles, nets and rackets, which the PAC approved.
- The library renovations continue to progress. Flooring is now being installed in the space.
- There are a number of upcoming events before the winter break. These include:
  - Bus ridership on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>;
  - Halloween parade on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>;
  - Report cards on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> (for Grades 1 - 5) and Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> (for Nursery/Kindergarten);
  - Tri-conferences (student/parent/teacher) on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> (ESWO's Scholastic book fair will also take place during the tri-conference dates).

### **3. Committees and Other Business:**

#### **3.a Lunch Program Committee:**

- Older kids will be assisting with the lunch program this year (e.g. helping with food prep on Fun Lunch days). The lunch program committee is also looking for parent volunteers – ideally one volunteer at each month's Fun Lunch for each class. It was suggested that each classroom rep could see if they could get a volunteer for their class or help out themselves.
- Mme. Ostermann received some feedback about the pasta portions at the September Fun Lunch (i.e. that the portions were too large for the smaller children and a bit small for some of the older children). Mme. Ostermann will provide the feedback to Christine and Diane as the Fun Lunch coordinators.

#### **3.b Playground Committee:**

- The playground committee has started the process of writing and applying for playground grants. The Committee is planning to submit applications for the grant programs listed below; and is currently waiting on quotes from two landscaping companies that will be needed to complete the grant applications.
  - The Community Incentive Grant Program (through the City of Winnipeg);
  - Go Wild (a World Wildlife Federation school grant); and
  - The Community Grant Program (through the Winnipeg Foundation).

- The playground committee's Peak of the Market fundraiser was a success! It generated \$1,910 in fundraising dollars towards the playground project.
- The playground committee's planned Election Day Bake Sale was cancelled, as ESWO was not a polling station in this election.
- The playground committee has two more fundraisers planned for the 2019/20 school year:
  - A Kernels popcorn sale at the Winter Concert on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> (bags of popcorn are sold for \$3, with \$1.50 from each sale going towards the playground fundraising); and
  - A 50/50 raffle at ESWO's year-end picnic (TBC).

**3.c Year-End Picnic Committee:**

- Planning for ESWO's year-end picnic was deferred to a future PAC meeting. Planning will likely start in earnest in January.

**3.d Fundraising:**

- ESWO will have a Shelmerdine's poinsettia fundraiser in November/December and a Glenlea garden fundraiser in the spring. The PAC discussed timing the Glenlea fundraiser so that flower orders would arrive at the school prior to the May Long weekend (if possible).
- The PAC discussed the potential to explore other fundraiser options for upcoming school years (e.g. gift card fundraisers).

Meeting adjourned at:	6:45 p.m.
Next meeting date:	Tuesday, November 19, 2019