



**CLIFTON
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**Winnipeg School
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Parent Council
November Meeting minutes
October 1, 2026

Present

Jo Ann Kushman
Natalie Husarewycz
Natalie Geddes
Alesha De Rose
Sonja Kleiman
Laura Garry
Vanessa Bartlett
Keeley Teramura
Keli Marnoch
Erin Brown
Joyce Dimalanta

Meeting called to order: 6:03 PM

- Motion by Natalie H. to approve AGM meeting minutes - Natalie G. second - Carried
- Motion by Natalie H. to approve this month's agenda - Jo Ann K. Second - Carried

Treasurer Report

Full details can be requested from pac.cliftonschool@gmail.com

Balance forward from July 2026 - \$1,082.89
Ending balance in August 2026 \$782.04

Principal Report

Body, Mind and Spirit

Classes are establishing baselines for reading, writing and math.

This year we are going back to Mathletics; last school year Clifton students had the most growth in the school division using mathletics

Reading eggs will be a new resource this year for improving literacy.

Please keep an eye out for a future email regarding these resources.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - the students wore orange shirts and walked around the neighbourhood in solidarity. Students chose not to do the ribbons on the fence as they are plastic and fade over time so they chose art in the windows instead. Please have a look when you can!

Terry Fox Run - thank you to everyone who donated. The students got a 'tick' on their hand for every lap they ran. Please keep a look out for a future email regarding the amount of funds raised for cancer research.

WSD Powwow – The powwow last month was enjoyed by the students. They got to enjoy Indigenous games and activities, see and hear jingle dresses, and learn from grandmothers and grandfathers.

We have a new EA named Ms. Harpreet. She spends most of her time in room 3 but will be around the school periodically.

The school just finished their first evacuation and fire drills for the school year, which was a success. The school's evacuation site is the Valour Community Centre - Clifton Site. Evacuations can occur if there are situations like no heat or water in the building. Parents and guardians will be contacted if this occurs.

Clifton Swag - PAC helped decide on the eagle face for this year. Carberry International will be making and supplying the Clifton swag. Please keep an eye out for the link to purchase in a future email.

October's PD days - a reminder that October 5 & 6 are PD days so no school for the students.

Donation proposals:

The staff have proposed a Winter Carnival for this year - they offered to volunteer their time, if the PAC could sponsor.

Ms. LA is looking to supplement the outdoor play equipment. Even donating used items will be greatly appreciated.

More greenery around the school, like a plant wall.

Questions to the Principal

A parent wondered about baffling for the school gym. Since that is a division capital project, the school division will need to fund them.

Food policy – A parent would like a firm directive from administration sent to the entire community regarding food for special occasions due to allergies. Food in sealed containers that will also not exclude children with allergies need to be considered. Suggestion was made to highlight in an email the parent handbook that discusses food in the classroom. Please ensure we are in communication with your child's teacher regarding allergies.

A question regarding eggs as only nuts and fish were on the allergy list this year. Susan will confirm the allergies that need to be considered.

A parent had asked about the Yearbook and if we can get that for this year - the one year the school received the yearbook was a donation from Josten's but Susan will find out more if there is a buying option.

A parent had asked about the snack program and when it will be up and running again. It will not be the same. Administration is currently handling the snack program this year. The school had lost the snack co-ordinator funding. To voice any concerns regarding this, you can email Matt Henderson and Garth McAlpine (superintendent).

A parent asked if the balanced school day was beneficial - Susan has noticed the 'temperature' of the school has gone down. Susan has noticed that their sugar levels are more moderated throughout the day. The 'no bells' in the school has helped the students remain calm.

Chair report

Childminders - Thank you Joyce D. for her list of childminders for PAC meetings

Amendments to the constitution and bylaws

A proposal was put by Natalie H. to amend the following:

- consolidate the Chair and Vice-chair titles to Co-chair(x2)
- remove wording for the Lunch Program as the school no longer has a lunch program

Keli M.- second the motion/proposal

A question wondering if the constitution and minutes for all meetings will be posted on the school website. We hope to continue forth with posting online.

A question regarding the grade 6 grad for this year as a parent would like to participate. They were directed to grade 6 teacher Ms. Schultz for more information. The PAC historically have funded the grade 6 grad but were not active in the planning of the ceremony or activities.

A question was asked about moving the next meeting from Oct 28, 2026 due to the municipal election. A motion was put forth for the next meeting to be Wednesday, Nov 4, 6:00pm. Motion was passed.

The Wednesday Nov 25, 2026 at 6:00PM meeting will remain.

New business

Fundraising: We will continue with the same directive as last year that we establish our fundraising goals for this school year now.

Fundraising goals for this year:

We will earmark \$500 for the grade 6 grad

Block party - to pay for the activities like bouncy castle and temporary tattoos

PAC Awards – This year's theme is generosity and mastery

Outdoor equipment for Ms. LA

Fundraisers

Last year, PAC did: Fundscrip, Pizzahotline coupons, Kernels.

We will continue with the same three until more options are brought forth

Fundscrip will be the first just in time for the holidays. End date will be November 23, 2026.

Soliciting donations from companies- We couldn't take money directly as far as we know. Susan will look into this.

A parent asked if we can just give PAC money during fundraising efforts. A decision was made that the money would not be denied. We would like the community to know that the school has a heritage fund if you like to donate directly to the school (which does not go to PAC efforts but the school directly). For more information please visit:

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/children-s-heritage-education-endowment-fund>

A parent suggested Co-op or The Chamois for fundraising.

Tentative dates for the year

Games night - the date was decided for Wednesday Mar 3, 2027.

Block party – the date was decided for Thursday, June 10, 2027 with a rain date of Thursday, June 17, 2027. We will continue with the option to buy from the food trucks and PAC will supply the activities.

Holiday hamper - PAC will continue the tradition of collecting for at least 2 hampers/families. Tentative cut off date for donations is Dec 10, 2026.

Takeaways

Susan - check if eggs are allowed in regards to egg allergies

Susan - Find out if we can get yearbooks as a promotional item from Jostens or with a buying option.

Natalie H will reach out to Fundscrip to try to get the fundraiser started next week in time for thanksgiving.

Susan - will confirm if we can solicit from companies to fundraise for PAC. (update: Jo Ann K has been advised of the answer)

Sonja K. will look into fundraising opportunities with Red River Co-Op or The Chamois

Meeting adjourned 7:12PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, Nov 4, 2026 at 6:00PM