

École Sir William Osler

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: 17 February 2026

Meeting Location: Virtual Only

Meeting Chair: Carmen Baldes

Minutes Taken By: Katie Schriver

(15 Participants)

Chair Greeting & Land Acknowledgement (Carmen)

Adoption of Minutes

- Adoption of amended minutes from November - Moved by Carmen, First by Amy, seconded by Andrew, approved
- Adoption of minutes from January - Moved by Carmen, First by Alisha, seconded by Amy, approved

Treasurer Report (Amy)

- Reporting on January/February 2026 transactions
- Revenue:
 - Oliver's Labels (\$469.31)
- Expenditures:
 - \$83.25 Compost Fee
 - \$130 Boston Pizza lunch for Grade 6 leadership
 - \$3192 cheque cleared for Playgrounds R Us
 - \$239.34 School supplies (winter recess equipment, staff lunch, babysitting for PAC meeting)
 - Funds came in and out for the Grade 6 babysitting club
 - Funds coming in for the coffee and donut fundraiser
- Closing account balance 17 February 2026: \$8554.60

Principal Report (Mme Ostermann)

- **General:**

- **2026/2027 Intention Forms**

- Most have been returned and it appears most of our N-5 families will be returning
 - Staffing for 2026/2027 not yet received from the division

- **Festival**

- Festival week is underway and activities are on going all week
 - A call out was sent requesting volunteers for Friday to hand out hot chocolate and in true SWO fashion many offers were received.

- **Student Led Conferences/Report Cards**

- Conferences to be held the evening of March 19th and morning of March 20th.
 - Report Cards go out after conferences on 23 March

- **PAC Meetings**

- Due to short month in March with Spring Break there will be no meeting
 - 2 PAC meetings remain for the year, April 15th and May 20th. May 20th will be the AGM.

- **Construction**

- Still estimating a May occupancy, it is looking closer to being complete in person, lots of activity going on inside

- **Spring Concert**

- Mme Annalise is prepping and hoping to be able to organize a spring concert
 - Will depend on if the new gym is available
 - Tentative date of 7 May 2026

- **Recess Equipment**

- Daycare has helped and purchased spring equipment which is being stored until weather improves

- Mme Ostermann applied for and received the Children's Heritage Fund Grant of \$1000. Plan is to purchase new soccer nets with the funds
- **School Clothing**
 - Closes Friday February 20th
 - Anticipated 6 weeks for delivery
- **N/K Open House**
 - Very successful, well attended
 - Registration remains to be seen but we are hopeful to have 2 or maybe 3 classes again next year
- **Grade 7 Open House**
 - Well attended by SWO families but no JB Mitchell Families attended at all
 - Mme Ostermann has reached out to the principal at JB Mitchell and will provide the presentation to the school for forwarding to families there. She will also forward it to the principal at Robert H Smith as the catchment overlaps ours and they potentially have families that would fall into SWO catchment
- **Grade 6 moving to grade 7**
 - Based on intention forms there are only 4 SWO students intending to remain at SWO for grade 7.
 - This means we will most likely have a 6/7 split class as our legacy class
 - Because next year SWO will become a N/K-8 school and any students not returning for grade 7 are choosing to do so, there will be no grade 6 farewell. The school needs to support the growth of the school as a N/K-8 school and encourage student registration at the school for grade 7.
 - There will still be the day at camp and Activate for leadership students and the school will be requesting funds from PAC to do so. Last year it was approximately \$1000, cost has increased and there are more leadership students this year, anticipating \$1500.
 - Parents asked if PAC would be able to organize and fund a farewell if the school would not. Mme Ostermann advised it would have to be outside the school and funded by the parents as PAC funds can only be used for school sanctioned events/activities. She will support early

dismissal for students if such an activity were planned. All PAC fundraising is intended to support the entire school and all grades because parents of all grades contribute. All fundraising was already allocated to playground/recess improvements and community events and the allocation intention can not be changed once submitted.

Teacher Representative (Mme Annalise)

- Concert 7 May - hoping to have the new gym available. Working on back up plan in the even gym is not open
- Festival du Voyageur - Violin lessons for younger students to try and learn

OLD BUSINESS

Playground Structure & Equipment (Carmen)

- More soccer balls have been purchased
- Collecting ice gem items from families
- We have parent volunteers to facilitate winter outdoor activities
- Soccer nets were to be part of landscaping but it is still unclear who will be funding them
- Funding for roll away indoor activity carts requested, similar to the outdoor bins. Mme to ask staff for indoor recess wish list, carts are not necessary, classes have shelf space for storage.

★MOTION: to approve \$500 for indoor recess equipment, Moved by Carmen 1st Amy, 2nd Kristy. No objections by those in attendance. Approved.

Fundraisers (Carmen)

- The coffee (Harrison's) and donut (Krispy Kreme) and Glenlea both underway.
- No more are expected for the year other than possibly a 50/50 late in the year

★MOTION: to approve \$500 for purchase of donuts and coffee to provide to parents and staff on the pick up day for the fundraiser, Moved by Carmen 1st Amy, 2nd Kristy. No objections by those in attendance. Approved.

- Can we purchase plants from the Glenlea to put in school planters, Mme Ostermann has funds to purchase these so the school will take care of the front planters. PAC may to garden boxes for the back.

★MOTION: to approve \$2000 for purchase of planters and plants from Glenlea for a community garden project, Moved by Carmen 1st Amy, 2nd Kristy. No objections by those in attendance. Approved.

Enchanted Forest

- Safety hazard with how kids are using the trees compounded with lack of snow and weather. Megan lined us up with chipper service. They will come as soon as the storm is over. Staff and students can move them to the chipping location.

★MOTION: to approve \$500 for ASAP tree chippers for enchanted forest removal, Moved by Carmen 1st Amy, 2nd Katie. No objections by those in attendance. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

South District Advisory Committee (Andrew)

- Andrew to provide summary of meeting to PAC
- Catchment looks like it will not be enforced for our school for this year at this point in time
- Pilot Program for full day kindergarten starting in September in 6 schools. Driven by childcare requirements and lack of availability and attendance. Focus on inner schools with high absenteeism.
- One final meeting for the year still to come

Recess Committee

- Parents volunteering to assist with outdoor recess activities, always welcoming more, reach out to Mme Ostermann

Grade 6 Farewell

- Already discussed during Principal Report

Meeting Adjourned (Carmen)

- Motion by Carmen, 1st Amy, 2nd Katie. Meeting Adjourned.