

# École Sir William Osler

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** 21 January 2026

**Meeting Location:** ÉSWO Library

**Meeting Chair:** Carmen Baldes

**Minutes Taken By:** Katie Schriver

(26 Participants)

**Chair Greeting & Land Acknowledgement** (Carmen)

### **Adoption of Minutes**

- Adoption of minutes from November
  - 2 minor corrections to be made, adoption of minutes incorrectly stated as September but should be October and Next Meeting listed as November 18th but should be 21 January 2026.
- Adoption based on minor amendments listed above - First by Caitlyn, seconded by Alisha, approved

### **Treasurer Report** (Amy)

- Reporting on December 2025 transactions
- Revenue:
  - \$711.50 (Shelmerdine Winter Fundraiser)
- Expenditures:
  - \$109.00 Compost
  - \$862.60 Staff Lunch
  - \$843.03 Movie Night
  - \$206.74 Winter playground equipment
  - \$20 Babysitting for PAC meeting

- \$51.37 National Children's Day expenses
- \$175.00 Wellness Gift for Mme Ostermann
- \$ 4.55 Banking Fees
- Closing account balance 30 December 2025: \$11,646.43
- Approximately \$470 from Oliver's Labels
- \$8500 cheque for the dropshot has not yet been cashed

## **Principal Report** (Mme Unrau)

### • **General:**

#### • **Thank you!**

- Staff Luncheon was much appreciated by the teachers and daycare staff. They are still enjoying the baked goods provided by families as they were put in the freezer for the holiday's.
- To the volunteers who assist for lunch coverage when EA are unavailable

#### • **Enchanted Forest**

- Being moved closer to the school as the original placement in front of the skating rink as it is not actually on school property. Cones were set up to indicate to students where the school property ends and the public park begins.
- Staff expressed safety concern with the area in front of the skating rink in and around the trees as inappropriate items have been found as left by the general public. There is also often a utility trailer parked there and the children were jumping and climbing on it.
- Originally students believed they were not being allowed to play back there because they were not hearing the bell and taking too long to come back inside. Although this was happening it is not the reason for the cones and Mme Unrau wanted to clarify that point. Discussion of a follow up email being sent to inform parents occurred.

#### • **Polar Bear Club**

- Up in action this past week. Lots of students and staff participating.

#### • **Fire Drills**

- 5 so far this year

- **Holiday Bingo and Sing Along**

- Was fun, children enjoyed themselves and we hope parents enjoyed being able to watch along via live stream where a few teachers were recording (from the back of the room for student privacy)

- **Clubs/Intramurals**

- Currently we have the following lunch time Clubs running:
  - Book Club
  - Green Team
  - Concours
  - Beading Club
  - Walking Club
  - Crochet Club
- After school skating and noon hour gymnastics intramurals are going well
- As always "quiet recess" is an option as well
- All extra curricular activities need a teacher in attendance even when a parent is running the activity for legal reasons.
- Staff are concerned by current space limitations
- Suggestion that clubs/intramurals be planned out for the entire year before the school year begins. To be reexamined in May Meeting

- **Play Structure**

- Another day per cycle has been added for each grade so now they each have 2 days per cycle on the play structure

- **Construction**

- We are at the stage where we need the city to finalized permits. It is looking like it will now be May when this is all complete and we have full access to the new building

- **Registration**

- New N/K registration opens 17 February 2026
- New grade 6's will automatically be enrolled to their catchment school
- Current grade 6's will have a choice of schools for next year, after that they will have to go to their catchment school

- School of Choice applications being accepted from 6 April - 15 May 2026. WSD has advised that there will be no school of choice applications accepted for River Heights or Kelvin High
- Discussed PAC participation in the Open House seeing that the new building will not be open yet. Looking for ways to sell the wonderful community that SWO has for potential grade 7's next year (SWO and JB only)

### **Teacher Representative (Mme Wood)**

- Nothing to report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Playground Structure & Equipment (Carmen)**

- Sleds and shovels were bought for all classes
- Approximately \$100 remains of the pre-approved budget for equipment. Discussed purchasing more balls as they are low again. Also discussed Ice Gems as they were a huge hit last year. Carmen to potentially purchase freezer moulds to leave at the school if staff would be willing to fill them and leave them outside to freeze

#### **Fundraisers (Carmen)**

- The coffee (Harrison's) and donut (Krispy Kreme) fundraiser planning to begin. Aiming for March 9th delivery date. Looking at doing a morning pick up so parents can take them to the office if they wish.

#### **Family Movie Night (Carmen)**

- Was successful, attendance estimates were a little off
- Over budget by \$143.03.

★MOTION: to approve extra expenses 1st Caitlyn, 2nd Amy. No objections by those in attendance. Approved

#### **Traffic Safety (Carmen)**

- Response from John Orlikow's office received
  - current speed boards by JB Mitchell and Montrose are part of a pilot project. Our request to be forwarded to the traffic department when the expand to more locations
  - She will forward our request for further lights to the street engineer who would reach out to the principal to potentially move forward

- WPS will not take direction from the political wing but she encouraged parents to make reports to WPS via their online reporting system to bring the occurrences to their attention and potentially have the area patrolled more

### **Care Package (Caitlyn)**

- Caitlyn purchased gift cards to Michaels, Chapters and Home Sense and added a bottle of white wine. The book of notes and pictures from the students and families was also included.
- Mme Ostermann spoke virtually to express her thanks to students and families for the gift as well as to Mme Unrau for stepping in in her absence

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **South District Advisory Committee (Andrew)**

- Andrew was unexpectedly unavailable, Caitlyn provided update on his behalf reminding families that the next meeting is 29 January 2026 at 6:00. Agenda items need to be added before hand and there is a hard time limit on the 1 hour time line. Any undiscussed items will roll over to the next meeting. Must RSVP so they know how many seats to prepare.

#### **Enchanted Forest**

- Further to discussion as part of the principal report, an email request to be sent out to families to see if anyone would be willing to help replant the trees in a new location once the cold snap ends.

#### **Festival Week**

- Discussed the Dot Fundraiser, perhaps there is already enough going on that week. To see what the staff thinks of it.

#### **Lunch Program**

- Grade 6's are still dispersed among younger grades
- We have had an increase in requests for parents to assist due to "failure to fill" within the division. Parents are great about stepping up and assisting.

#### **Parent Volunteer Program**

- Nothing more to add than what was previously discussed about clubs during Principal report

#### **Staff/Leadership Luncheons**

- Another One to be done in June

- Formal approval required for funds for December

★MOTION: to approve expenses, Moved by Carmen, 1st Caitlyn, 2nd Amy. No objections by those in attendance. Approved

### **Grade 7/8 Update**

- Nothing more to add than what was previously discussed during Principal report

### **Meeting Adjourned (Carmen)**

- Motioned by Carmen, 1st Caitlyn, 2nd Amy, Meeting adjourned.