

École Luxton School Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes October 29, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:50pm.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to adopt the agenda was made and seconded. All in favor.

<u>Approval of the Minutes:</u> Motion to approve the minutes from September 2025 was made and seconded. All in favor.

Special Guest: Gillian Crawford returned to provide an update on the Dr. David Crawford Memorial Fund including what activities have occurred in the past year, how much money has been raised so far and what activities are planned for the future. Gillian will connect with PAC to provide dates of activities that can be included in the school newsletter. The fund will be used to provide a scholarship to a student at St Johns High School, a student award to a student at Luxton, a future scholarship at the U of M school of medicine and donations to Cancer Care Manitoba. Gillian will connect with the principal towards the end of the year to provide the Luxton student award for a grade 8 student.

Chairperson's Report:

- The file for the grant used for the school BBQ in 2024 has been officially closed.
- Mary Kardash daycare will be closed on November 7th. Will the school be able to accommodate approximately 70 extra students for lunch program? The principal indicated that they will be looking into ways to accommodate the children and have enough supervision.
- The Vice Chair position is still vacant. PAC can assign a volunteer without holding an election.

Administration Report:

- We had our first assembly of the year today on the Sacred Teaching of Respect. It was short and sweet. Rooms 13 and 20 worked together on this and did a great job.
- These assemblies are a part of our school's Road to Reconciliation plan, which we are currently in the process of developing
- The Michif language program that is in the four classrooms is going very well. The teacher is planning to make Bannock and Stew with the students and 2 Grandmothers on November 27th.
- We had previously mentioned the idea of an overnight camp for the grades 7/8s as a fun year end activity. However, the teachers are now looking into another fun opportunity for the students for the end of the year instead. They only have some preliminary ideas but we will report back to you once we have a better idea of what we will do.
- Ms. Zeglinski will be hosting a free winter clothing store in the Family Room during triconferences at the end of November.
- Ms. Howard will be spearheading the Luxton Holiday store which she will speak about later. See the newsletter for more information.
- Patrols are now back on duty. You may have seen them. Fun activities are being

planned for them throughout the year by Mrs. Horseman and Mr Sisko. They had a pizza lunch and a training meeting last week.

Executive Reports:

- **-Secretary Report**: Will attend the French Immersion Advisory Committee Meeting on November 13, 2025.
- **-Family Room:** Had a Halloween party. Planning more events. There are concerns about liability insurance for the Family Centre. A permit has been approved for this year but may need to look at alternatives for next year.
- **-Treasurer's Report:** No formal report provided. The budget will be presented at the next meeting. There are still issues accessing the credit union's app.

-Fundraising Coordinator's Report:

- Peak of the Market fundraiser was completed. Thank you to the parent volunteers and grade 7/8 students who assisted. There were 2 issues with the delivery (1 bag was not in good condition and the larger bags only had 1lb of parsnips when it was advertised as 2lbs). 41 bundles were donated to community members.
- The first 50/50 raffle is live. Posters will be available soon. The draw will occur December 19th.
- o Shelmerdine's fundraiser is also live. The delivery will be December 9th.
- Bothwell Cheese fundraiser will go out after Halloween. It will also include Archie's Meat. The delivery will be December 9th.

-Committee Reports:

 Playground Committee – now has 2 members. The principal circulated some of the old plans that had been created by previous committees/principal.

Teacher's Report:

Update provided on the Holiday Store. A letter will be going out to students/families.
 Money raised will be used to create hampers for families in need. Room 20 will be doing all of the wrapping. Asking PAC to donate money for scotch tape.

Old Business:

- Jill will connect with Angie about a paint night fundraiser.
- The polar bear may be able to be used in the road to reconciliation. May be able to get a local artist to repaint the bear.
- Dyslexia Awareness month was not recognized as it is too difficult to keep track of all of the important causes to recognize and it would not be fair to do just one.
- PAC minutes will now be posted on the school's website so they can be accessed by parents who cannot attend the meetings.

New Business:

-Many parents requesting better communication between PAC and parents/caregivers as well as between PAC and teachers.

- -Parents also requesting better communication between teachers and parents/caregivers.
- -Parents asking about transportation rules related to bussing or other options to help families who can't access busing (car pools, walking school bus etc)
- -Parents also raising concerns about lack of daycare spaces in the community which contributes to difficulty with transportation.
- -The Environmental Advisory Committee is seeking input regarding extending 30km/h speed limits on streets in the community. A survey will be sent out in the newsletter to collect feedback.
- -Would like to invite Tamara Kuly (school trustee) to attend a PAC meeting to listen to parent concerns.

Next Meeting: November 26th, 2025 at 6:30pm in the library.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm was made.