



CLIFTON SCHOOL

Parent Council

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Parent Council Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2026

Present: Joyce and Cesar Dimalanta, Tiffany Peloski, JoAnn Kushman, Natalie Husarewycz, Aleisha DeRose, Natalie Geddes, Susan Drysdale

Quorum met with minimum 4 members/parents required

Meeting called to order: 6:10 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting (agenda consistent with previous meetings, with addition of discussion item regarding upcoming fundraising/news items).

Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve PAC meeting minutes from **November 26, 2025**.

Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Fundraising and account activity were reviewed.

- **November fundraiser deposits (e-transfers):** \$8,891.50
- **Service fees:** \$3.85
- **Paper statement fee:** \$2.00
- **Starting balance:** \$2,251.50
- **Ending balance (end of November):** \$9,116.65

December account activity included:

- **Debit withdrawal:** \$8,885.00

- **Service fees:** \$3.85
- **Paper statement fee:** \$2.00
- **Ending balance (end of December):** \$220.80

Additional note:

- A **cheque deposit of \$476.05** was confirmed (fundraising-related).

PAC noted strong fundraising success and progress toward financial goals.

Principal's Report

Mind

- A new **literacy intervention model** has been introduced in Grade 1–2 classrooms.
 - Students are grouped by learning level to provide more targeted instruction.
 - Staff involved include classroom teachers, EA support, and additional teaching staff.
 - Assessment data was used to form instructional groupings.
- The school is launching an **“I Love to Read” Olympic-themed initiative:**
 - Classes are tracking total reading minutes toward a shared school goal.
 - Students will eventually receive a surprise “gold medal” celebration.
- Special guest readers will be visiting, including:
 - A firefighter
 - Community leader Selena (Indigenous role model and former UN worker)

Upcoming literacy celebrations include:

- **PJ Read with Your Buddy Day:** February 13
- **Dress as Your Favourite Book Character Day:** February 20
- **Winter Fun Day:** End of February
- A new **lunar calendar learning initiative** is underway to support student understanding of time, land-based learning, and seasonal awareness.

- Teachers will participate in professional development on the **DIBELS literacy screening tool** (February 2), aligned with **Bill 225** universal screening requirements for Kindergarten–Grade 4.

Body

- All required **safety drills** are up to date, including:
 - Fire drills
 - Lockdown drills
 - Hold and Secure drills
- **Cold weather guidelines** were reviewed:
 - Students remain indoors when temperature/wind chill reaches **-28°C**.
 - Outdoor time may be shortened depending on real-time conditions.
- A reminder was issued regarding serious student allergies to:
 - Nuts
 - Eggs
 - Fish

Families are asked to avoid sending these foods. Food-based birthday celebrations are discouraged to ensure inclusion and safety.

- **Mobile Vision Screening** will take place February 13 (opt-out forms required).
- Staffing update: Jan Elena will be joining Grade 1–2 classrooms, bringing additional support and language/cultural connection with the Filipino community.

Spirit

PAC and administration noted excitement around upcoming school community-building events and student engagement initiatives.

Chair Report / New Business

Upcoming Fundraisers

Discussion focused on future fundraising planning:

- Spring **Kernels Popcorn Fundraiser** anticipated after Spring Break

- Consideration of a **Pizza Hotline coupon card fundraiser**
 - Cards purchased for \$5 and sold for \$10
 - Coupons valued up to \$30
 - Potential for online ordering via Google Forms

Action: Treasurer to set up shared access to fundraiser tracking documents and ensure PAC email/password information is centralized.

Family Game Night

PAC confirmed planning for a **Family Board Game Night**:

- **Date:** March 11, 2026
- Format: Open-house style community event (not a fundraiser-focused evening)
- Location: Gym and possibly library for quieter games
- Snacks may include juice boxes, popcorn, small candy bags

PAC will request members provide a list of available board games to contribute.

Deadline for game list submissions: February 13, 2026

PAC also discussed recruiting student volunteers (Tech Voc / leadership programs) to assist.

End-of-Year BBQ Planning

BBQ planning continued, including:

- Interest in securing food trucks (dessert + meal options)
- Possible vendors mentioned: churro truck, ice cream truck, Willie Dog
- PAC will begin outreach by mid-February

North Point Douglas Residents Association promotion was discussed as a possible community partner.

Newsletter Items

PAC discussed including the following in the upcoming newsletter:

- Fundraiser success update
- Upcoming fundraiser announcements

- Save-the-date for Family Game Night
- Invitation for community involvement and ideas

Next Meeting: February 25 @ 6 p.m. in school library

Meeting adjourned: 7:05 p.m.

To Do / Action Items

- PAC members to submit board game contribution lists by **Feb 13**
- Begin outreach to food truck vendors by mid-February
- Explore Pizza Hotline fundraiser logistics and online ordering form
- Treasurer to create and share centralized fundraiser tracking document access
- Newsletter to include fundraiser updates and Game Night save-the-date
- Follow up with North Valour Residents Association regarding BBQ promotion