



CLIFTON SCHOOL

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Parent Council Meeting Minutes October 29, 2025

Present: Natalie Geddes, Jo Ann Kushman, Natalie Husarewycz, Erin Brom, Samuel Labun, Joyce Pimalanta, Tiffany Peloski, Aleisha Moneh, Susan Drysdale
* Quorum met with minimum 4 members/parents required

Meeting called to order: 6:04pm

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Jo Ann Kushman to approve the agenda for this meeting
Seconded by: Natalie Husarewycz
Carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Jo Ann Kushman to approve the PAC meeting minutes from September 24, 2025
Seconded by: Natalie Geddes
Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Starting balance: \$236.15
- Ending balance: \$231.15
- Note: \$3 e-transfer sent for testing purposes (service fee payment testing completed)
- CRA correspondence: Check received from lunch program has been deposited into lunch program account and will remain there for 10 years as it is a separate business entity. Money will not be touched by PAC funds.
- E-transfer functionality now operational for PAC lottery account.

Principal's Report:

Mind:

- **Blooming Words Program:** Training program for teachers (nursery, kindergarten, and both grade one teachers) to recognize early speech issues and implement basic strategies. Videos available for parents regarding speech development and bilingualism (simultaneous and sequential).
- **Fine Motor Project:** Occupational therapist from Sky Center on Notre Dame will work with nursery, kindergarten, and grade 1-2 classes. Some older grade students will also participate.
- **Non-Instructional Day:** November 6 (Thursday) - Teachers will work with divisional staff on math learning with Doug Duff. Collaborating with Weston and Ralph Brown schools. Topics include: embedded quantity, parts-whole understanding, meanings and relationships of addition and multiplication, and modeling to visualize.

- **Report Cards:** Available online Tuesday, November 18.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** November 20 (evening) and November 21 (AM only). Nursery/kindergarten parents encouraged to come during daytime November 21 if possible.

Body:

- **Hold and Secure Drill:** October 30 (tomorrow) - Students will go into corners and be quiet; doors will be checked and locked. Made as non-threatening as possible.
- **Dress for the weather** - students go outside for recess unless heavy rain.
- **Lost and Found** located by patrols on stairs. All items will be displayed before parent-teacher conferences on white benches.

Spirit:

- **New School Clerk:** Anthonia Ugbah started October 1. Eager learner and very thorough.
- **Mosaic Artist:** Dimitri Melman (same artist who created hallway piece) creating stepping stones for front walkway connecting school doors to benches. Theme: Seven Teachings with animal footprints.
- **Santa Claus Parade:** November 15, 3:30-6:00 pm (Saturday). Patrols invited; all students/families welcome to participate. Bus transportation provided from school to downtown.
- **Halloween Bowling:** October 31 (AM) - Grades 4, 5, and 6 walking to Academy Lanes. No payment required (covered by student fees). No food purchases allowed. Treat (popsicle) provided at school upon return.
- **Picture Retakes:** November 20.
- **Intramurals:** Starting, organized by grade.
- **Holiday Sale:** December 17 - Students can purchase up to 3 gifts for family (\$0.25-\$2.00 each). Gifts will be wrapped. Fundraiser for Activity Week (water activities). Donations requested: wrapping supplies (paper, ribbon) and second-hand household items (no clothes or furniture). Parent volunteers welcome to assist. Contact Ms. Lyon Anderson, gym teacher.
- **Manitoba Excellence in Education Award:** Information available for nominating teachers. Link : <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/excellence/>
- **Staffing Update:** Room 7 will have a new teacher in two weeks. Replacement teacher identified and announcement to parents forthcoming.

Chair Report/New Business:

Administrative Updates:

- Digitization project underway - transitioning from paper-heavy records to electronic format. Goal: completion by end of year for easier transition between positions.
- Bank account updates completed - Colleen's name removed from accounts; now listed as "Clifton PAC."
- PAC email access being provided to Co-Chairs and Treasurer for better communication monitoring.

Playground Funding:

- Previously raised funds (~\$4,000) remain earmarked for playground accessibility improvements.

- Winnipeg School Division now has formal application process for playground accessibility funding (up to \$20,000 available through Board of Trustees).
- Applications submitted to Brenda Lapointe, Board Community Liaison Officer.
 - Natalie H. shared link: <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/page/9384/parent-council>
- Action: Co-Chairs to follow up with Principal Drysdale regarding application process and next steps.

New Business:

Update on Gift Card Fundraiser Program (FundScrip):

- First fundraiser now active with dedicated link sent to families.
- Wide selection of retailers: Superstore, gas stations, Canadian Tire, Dollarama, Gap, Old Navy, IKEA, and more.
- Full gift card value received; percentage of purchase goes to PAC (varies by retailer, approximately 7% average).
- Payment options: cash/check to office or e-transfer to PAC lottery account.
- **Ordering deadline:** November 28, 2025
- **Expected delivery:** Early to mid-December (before holiday break)
- Orders delivered to school by student name; parents should be aware of delivery timing.
- Multiple orders allowed throughout campaign (e.g., per pay period).
- Paper order forms available in school office.
- Link can be shared with extended family, coworkers, etc.
- Recommendation: Purchase gift cards for personal shopping or gift-giving to maximize fundraising benefit.

Update on Domino's Pizza Night availability:

- Carryover to next meeting

Update on Paint Night with Ms. Robinson (proposed for March 11, 2026):

- Ms. Robinson is interested, asked we shift date to March 10th.

Discussion: Criteria for new PAC Student Leadership/Community Award:

- Brought to teachers for discussion. Should not be economically based.
- Lots of opportunities for students to express volunteerism within the school.
- Frame should be measurable: ex: volunteers once a month
- Request that more than one student is awarded

Confirm End-of-Year BBQ details (June 10, 2026; rain date June 17):

- Looking for leads on vendors.
- Students from Tech Voc could be recruited to fulfil volunteer hours

Next meeting: November 26 @ 6 p.m. in school library

Meeting adjourned: 6:49 p.m.

To do:

- Co-Chairs to follow up with Principal Drysdale on playground accessibility grant application process
- Secretary and Treasurer to receive PAC email access credentials
- Continue monitoring FundScrip orders and payments through November 28 deadline
 - Develop promotional materials for parent teacher night
- Follow up on Domino's Pizza Night availability (carried over from September)
- Follow up with Ms. Robinson regarding Paint Night for March 11, 2026 (carried over from September)
- Develop criteria for new PAC Student Leadership/Community Award (carried over from September)
- Confirm End-of-Year BBQ details for June 10, 2026 (carried over from September)