

École Sir William Osler

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: 22 October 2025

Meeting Location: ÉSWO Library

Meeting Chair: Carmen Baldes

Minutes Taken By: Katie Schriver

(13 Participants)

Chair Greeting & Land Acknowledgement (Carmen)

Adoption of Minutes

- Adoption of minutes from September - Moved by Carmen, First by Amy, seconded by Andrew, approved

Treasurer Report (Amy)

- Opening \$10,423.52
- Expenditures
 - \$2/month paper statement fee, Amy looking into going paperless and avoid the fee
 - \$712.44, Meet & Greet event and recess equipment
- Revenue
 - Peak of the Market \$1520.00 (not deposited as of meeting)
 - Tips (\$128) donated by Deeks Dog House from the Meet & Greet to be put towards additional recess equipment

Principal Report (Mme Ostermann)

- **General:**
 - **Fire, Evacuation & Lockdown Drills**
 - Two fire drills, 1 evacuation drill completed, 1 lockdown drill and 1 hold & secure drill completed successfully. Brock Corydon's Principal

even commented on how well behaved our students were for the evacuation drill. Unplanned Fire Drill particularly went well and students were unphased.

- **Terry Fox Run** - ESWO raised \$4269.65 in total!
- **Province Wide Inservice Day** - 24 October 2025. No school or daycare.
- **Halloween** - Each teacher will plan their own parties for their classroom in the afternoon. Students welcome to wear costumes all day, costume parade through the hallways after first recess (approx 10:20)
- **Daylight Savings Reminder** - Reminder Daylight Savings ends November 2nd.
- **Remembrance Day** - Service at 10:30 on November 10th. Parents are welcome, we invite military members to attend in uniform. No school November 11th.
- **Report Cards** - will be going home November 17th. Tri-conferences (child/parent/teacher) for grades 1-6 to take place November 20th 3:30-8:00 and November 21st 8:30-11:30. Nursery and Kindergarten will have parent teacher conference, children do not need to attend but are welcome. Dates TBC by Mr Roziere
- **Book Fair** - November 19th (3:30-7:00), November 20th (3:30-7:00) and November 21st (8:30-11:00). Will probably take place in the library.
- **Construction**
 - Building construction - no change in schedule. Anticipated completion is mid January, certificates, permits, inspections and any deficiencies to complete. Probably spring break for occupancy.
 - Playground construction - it is hopeful that the playground will be functional by the end of October.

Teacher Representative (Mme Leianne)

- Nothing to report, Mme Leianne is the 4/5 teacher, second year at SWO

OLD BUSINESS

Playground (Mme Ostermann & Carmen)

- Gateway and Playgrounds R Us plus sub trades are working together. Meeting with Mme Ostermann and all trades tomorrow.
- Recess Equipment - each class now has their own bin of equipment and the class is responsible for their own stuff. The bin has a picture of the items for

students to reference. Donations have been received, thank you! We approved \$500 to be spent from the PAC account and we did not spend it all (approx \$300 spent), remaining plus meet & greet tips to go towards winter equipment.

- Drop Shot - Drop shot is within our budget (basketball nets are not). Cost is approximately \$4800 taxes in and installed, we have \$4460 in grant funds. The company advised there is a 5% increase coming in the New Year, recommend purchasing now and they will store and install it in the spring.

★**MOTION:** to proceed with purchase of Drop Shot \$4800 - Moved by Amy, 1st Carmen, 2nd Andrew, all parents in attendance in favour, APPROVED

- Shade Structures - Division has approved installation of sails vs permanent structures, they are \$10K less than permanent shade structures but still very expensive, currently on hold.

NEW BUSINESS

South District Advisory Committee (Andrew)

- **Inclusive Education Advisory Committee**
 - concerns of clinical services available despite higher ratios of clinicians within WSD
 - please reach out to Andrew if you have an inclusion concerns be it developmental, cultural, etc. Email andrew.burchel@gmail.com
- **South District Advisory Committee:** This is our family of schools within WSD. Meeting tomorrow, agenda to include:
 - Meeting approach and how they take pace
 - Lunch Program, discussion on how it's working and any parent concerns

French Immersion Advisory Committee (Mme Ostermann)

- Kirsten and Mme Ostermann represent ESWO. Recruitment and retention are the biggest concerns. First meeting November 13th.

Traffic Safety Concerns (Carmen & Mme Ostermann)

- The PAC at JB Mitchell reached out to us regarding their safety concerns in the area hoping we can work together to have concerns addressed
- There are no traffic lights on Grant from Kenaston to Cambridge with 3 elementary school on that stretch
- The City won't/can not reduce speed on main roads for school zones, only residential areas

- We have requested a speed monitor like the one up by JB Mitchell in the past but can try again
- Possibly sending a letter to Mike Moroz (River Height MLA) and John Orlikow (River Heights/Fort Gary city councillor)

Fundraisers (Carmen)

- We are all set to go with Shelmerdines. Online orders open November 3rd to 28th. Pick up December 4th at the school.
- We receive \$5/ poinsettia and door swag, \$10/wreath and 10% on gift card purchases

Community Building Event (Carmen)

- End November Family Movie Night
- Due to capacity limits in our gymnasium Carmen looked into renting the River Heights Community Center Crestcentwood Site Gymnasium. Cost is \$115.
- We can sent out a survey to gauge interest before committing

★**MOTION:** to approve up to \$500 for fun night in November - Moved by Carmen, 1st Amy, 2nd Katie, all parents in attendance in favour, AP-PROVED

Curling Rink

- Could we possibly have the curling rink set up like was done a few years ago on the hardtop
- Amy looked back through accounts, it was a \$3000 expense with Hinterland, not feasible at this time

ESWO Apparel

- There has been interest in re-opening the school apparel store via Baltic Athletics, currently we have a timeframe on hold for February
- We don't make a lot of money off the sales but it is nice for the students to have school apparel

Meeting Adjourned (Carmen)

- Next Meeting Tuesday November 18th
- Motioned by Carmen, 1st Amy, 2nd Katie, Meeting adjourned.