

## **École Varennes Parent and Caregiver Committee Meeting**

June 12, 2025

Meeting Notes

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**Call to order** (1 min) 6:38 pm

**Adoption of minutes** (5 min)

Erin motion to pass January 2025 minutes, Janessa to second, passed. (page 8-12)

Erin motion to pass May 2025 (virtual) minutes, Charlene to second, passed. (page 5-7)

**Business arising from minutes** (1 min)

Motions passed: \$350 for Grade 6-7 Tea Farewell -food and decorations

Motion passed: \$1000 June 20 – full school hot lunch for National Indigenous People's Day

Staff Appreciation: Treats dropped off today for staff - \$45.86

Bus Field Trips - TBA

Grade 8 farewell \$200 – flash drive and a flower

Family Night/AGM cost - \$172.29

Scholarship award – CJS student (name to be shared in September)

Retirement/farewell – \$41.41

**Chair** (5 min)

- New letters and petition delivered to the Legislative Assembly due to new information regarding over capacity numbers
- Present to the board on February 4 – well received
- Sharing a joint letter to minister of education, MLAs, senior leadership, board of trustees – many trustees expressed thanks and letter submitted on behalf of trustees
- Attended Board Meeting in April to share concerns and questions from the community regarding updated change to school assignment
- Updated letters sent in regards to the updated change
- Shared information regarding the school advocacy with new incoming principal Michelle Kennedy
- Received FIPPA report – most was redacted – shared with admin and senior leadership at Divisional Board Office
- Virtual meeting for voting due to lack of chair and did not meet quorum.

**Treasurer** (15 min)

PARENT AND CAREGIVER COMMITTEE 2024-2025 BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES			
ITEM	EXPECTED COST	ACTUAL COST	UNUSED BUDGET
Truth and Reconciliation Books / Resources	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (562.52)	\$ 437.48
Indigenous Artist hired to paint the teepee	TBD		
CJS Scholarship	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ -
Retirement Gifts	\$ 100.00	\$ (41.41)	\$ 58.59
Staff Appreciation	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Grade 8 Farewell - USB sticks	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Field Trips (Bus)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Gardening	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Family Nights	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
Recess Equipment	\$ 800.00	\$ (440.43)	\$ 359.57
Babysitting (PCC Meetings and Family Nights) - including \$50 to be paid out for AGM June 12 2025	\$ 300.00	\$ (225.00)	\$ 75.00
Payments to Students (via camp credits) for watering school garden	TBD	\$ -	\$ -
Hot Lunch - regular expenditures (i.e. chips, juice boxes, etc.)	N/A	\$ (637.84)	\$ (637.84)
Hot Lunch for Everyone*	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Payments to Students via Ski trip credits for helping with Peak of the Market	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 8,860.00</b>	<b>\$ (2,407.20)</b>	<b>\$ 6,452.80</b>

<b>Balance of funds at start of 2024-2025 school year</b>	<b>\$ 4,380.11</b>
<b>Balance of funds as of June 12, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 5,811.66</b>

**Note:**

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Incoming funds pending for 2024-2025 school year:

<b>TOTAL SUM PENDING</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
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**To go over the 2024-2025 budget and actuals at the first meeting of the year as many of the costs are end of year purchases.**

**Fundraisers:**

- Peak of Market – requires a volunteer to sign up
- Hot Lunches

PARENT AND CAREGIVER COMMITTEE - HOT LUNCH FUNDING		
Posting Date	Description	Amount
	<b>END OF 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR PROFITS</b>	<b>\$ (1,514.70)</b>
	<b>NEW SCHOOL YEAR - 2024-2025</b>	
02-Oct-24	Hot lunch juice and chips from Costco	\$ 107.55
01-Oct-24	Wok Box funds received	\$ (314.00)
04-Oct-24	Hot lunch juice and chips from Costco	\$ 105.85
Received	Hot Lunch (at school payment) received	\$ (30.00)
Received	Ptza Nation funds received	\$ (380.00)
14-Nov-24	Tip to Dominos Pizza	\$ 31.85
14-Nov-24	Dominos Order of Nov. 13, 2024	\$ 230.36
06-Feb-25	Hot lunch juiceboxes and associated recycling fee	\$ 16.69
21-Feb-25	Hot Lunch funds received (cash payment at school)	\$ (55.00)
21-Feb-25	Hot Lunch funds received (cheque)	\$ (314.00)
26-Feb-25	Healthy Hunger funds received	\$ (293.50)
11-Jun-25	Assorted juiceboxes for June 4th hot lunch	\$ 145.27
	<b>YTD PROFITS FROM 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR ALONE</b>	<b>\$ (748.93)</b>
	<b>OVERALL PROFITS TO CURRENT DATE</b>	<b>\$ (2,263.63)</b>

**Note: Sum in (\*) represents profits**

- Domino's Pizza Week – income of \$320 with 64 orders

**Administration** (15 min) – from last month

### **Suggested dates for PCC and Family Nights next year**

We would like to get members of the PCC more involved in organizing- create a sign-up sheet?

1. Sept. 25th
2. Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>
3. Jan 29th
4. April 30<sup>th</sup>
5. June 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Class Configurations for 25/26**

- 3 classes of kindergarten
- 4 classes of Grade 1
- 4 classes of Grade 2
- 5 classes of Grade 3/4
- 3 classes of Grade 5/6

\*7/8s are going to École Henri Bergeron

Staffing continues and will be published before the end of the school year.

**Possible Hot lunch schedule for next year:**

September- none

Oct 20- School Diwali

November- PCC

December- None

January PCC

Feb 13- School Festival du voyageur

March 23- School Eid

April – PCC free

May- PCC

June 19th- School National Indigenous People's Day

**New Business** (10 min)

Janessa to motion, Neha to second, to dissolve the subcommittee of Hot Lunch due to inequity among students. As well, with the new kitchen, hot lunches will be served. – motion passed

- Upcoming AGM – election of new executive immediately following this meeting

**Upcoming Events**

Next PCC Meeting:

- June 12, 2025 (AGM)

**Adjournment** (1 min) 6:30 pm

## École Varennes Parent and Caregiver Committee Meeting

May 23-28, 2025

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Notes

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**Call to order** (1 min) pm

**Adoption of minutes** (5 min ) \_\_\_\_\_ motion to pass January 2025 minutes, \_\_\_\_\_ to second, passed. (page 4-8) – did not pass, to include on June 12 meeting

**Chair** (5 min)

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- Present to the board on February 4 – well received
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Payments to Students (via camp credits) for watering school garden	TBD	\$ -	\$ -
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Hot Lunch for Everyone*	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Payments to Students via Ski trip credits for helping with Peak of the Market	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 8,860.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,653.83)</b>	<b>\$ 7,206.17</b>

Balance of funds at start of 2024-2025 school year      \$      4,380.11

Balance of funds as of May 20, 2025                              \$      6,456.92

**Treasurer** (15 min)

**Fundraisers:**

- Peak of Market
- Hot Lunches
- Maples Labels
- Domino's Pizza Week – income of \$320 with 64 orders

**Administration** (15 min) – included in June Meeting

**Fundraising** (3 min)

Mabel's Labels – update (Eileen)

Peak of the Market –

- Will need new leader for this – this opens for registration May

Family Fundraiser Letter

Hot Lunch

**Motion to have hot lunch event for June 20- Bannock and stew with a cost of \$1000** Motion by Charlene, seconded by Erin pass

Discussion and costs to be shared by administrators

Three paid hot lunches

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**New Business** (10 min)

- Upcoming AGM – election of new executive

- Retirement gifts/farewell to admin – as per budgeted funds – Charlene to purchase Farewell for grade 6/7 Tea (grade 8 farewell cost already part of budget) – **Motion for \$5/student for the grade 6/7s for farewell gifts and activities with a cost of \$350** Motion by Charlene, seconded by Erin pass  
Discussion and costs to be shared by administrators

#### Upcoming Events

Next PCC Meeting:

- June 12, 2025 (AGM)

### **École Varennes Parent and Caregiver Committee Meeting**

January 30, 2025

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**Call to order** (1 min) **6:36** pm

**Adoption of minutes** (5 min ) Erin motion to pass November 2024 minutes, Grace to second, passed. (page 6-8)

#### **Business arising from minutes (1 min)**

- Petitioning the government – new school
  - Available to write letters to MLAs - over 30 letters submitted to the late Minister of Education
  - Petition to be available on November 28 on conference night – 350 signatures
  - These efforts have been directed to the deputy minister Mr. O'Leary and to be shared with the current Minister of Education.

#### Chair (5 min)

- Gathered signatures on November 28<sup>th</sup> thanks to the letter writing and draft letters by community members Carol Johnson and Bruce Waters and the collaborative suggestions by other members of our community.
- Letters and petition delivered to the Legislative Assembly
- Meeting with Deputy Minister Mr. O'Leary January 7, 2025 in response to media coverage of the Winnipeg Free Press
- Meet with Amarbeer Bhanari, Ron Cadez, and Amy Warriner as follow up meeting with the deputy – shared summary of engineers report on January 15, 2025
- Meeting with Christian Michalik and Ron Cadez on January 27, 2025 regarding further updates
- Present to the board on February 4 – looking for those to join me in the presentation- **6:30 pm at Board Office (900 St.Mary's)**
- Sharing a joint letter to minister of education, MLAs, senior leadership, board of trustees  
- **Draft copies being provided at the meeting to members present**

Treasurer (15 min)

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Healthy Hunger (Wok Box)	\$314
Peak of the Market	\$ 1,897.50
<b>TOTAL SUM PENDING</b>	<b>\$ 2,211.50</b>

**Fundraisers:**

- Peak of Market
- Hot Lunches
- Maples Labels
- Domino's Pizza Week – Upcoming March 17<sup>th</sup> (Code : FAM1 or FAM2)

Administration (15 min)

**News and upcoming events:**

Festival du Voyageur- exchange with Lavallee School – This year

Grade 7/8 Ski trip

Next Family Night: May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Theme TBD) – **Theme: “Family Literacy Night “**



Public Budget Consultation Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – **Louis Riel Board Office – Parents invited**

Report cards available: March 27<sup>th</sup>

Portfolio evening: April 10<sup>th</sup>

School Concerts: April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>

Band and Guitar Concert May 29<sup>th</sup>

Spring Break Mar 28<sup>th</sup> to April 6<sup>th</sup>

### **New Advancements with Government:**

#### **1. Conversation with City planners regarding St. Anne's and St. Mary's crosswalks**

Construction on St. Anne's anticipated in Spring

Impacts on crosswalk and sidewalks during construction

School and Division Advocated for Traffic lights instead of crosswalk

A very productive meeting

#### **2. Meeting with Deputy Minister of Education: - Parent Initiation is good**

### **Provincial Historical Context**

- Brian discussed challenges in justifying new schools, noting that there haven't been significant replacements since the 1980s. *(The last replacement was actually in the 90's and is noted in this reference:*

*<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/print.index.html?d=comments&item=22801>*)

### **Space and Capacity in LRSD – Parents can talk to MLA's on these points for space**

- Brian stated that LRSD will have ample free space after the new school in Sage Creek opens
- Ron clarified that new housing developments and overflow from Bruns (if no expansion occurs) would quickly utilize any additional space created by the new Sage Creek school starting as early as September 2026.
- Ron added that schools impacted by the new Sage Creek school's opening are already operating significantly above capacity.
- Brian stated that after the new school in Sage Creek opens, LRSD's square footage per pupil ratio would align with the provincial average, though he did not specify the calculation used.
- Brian stated that the space issues in LRSD are largely due to Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) taking up significant space.
- Ron clarified that in most cases, FDK simply made part-time classrooms full-time and has not significantly impacted capacity in the division.

### **Varennnes as a Community**

- Brian stated that most students are bussed to Varennes, so "location is not a primary concern."
- Brian suggested that the division could use existing spaces and Varennes students could be bussed to multiple alternate locations within the division if necessary.

### **Cost and Budget**

- Brian stated that the cost of constructing a new school is approximately \$700 per square foot, with total costs for any new school estimated between \$70 and \$100 million. *(Note that this estimate is not accurate for Varennes, as the project does not require land acquisition and involves building a three-storey structure, reducing the per-square-foot cost. The new school's estimated cost is \$40 million.)* **(It was added with inflation it comes to \$43 million)**
- Brian noted that the total provincial budget for new schools is \$160 million per year.

### **Replacement Considerations**

- Brian stated that replacement of a building would be considered if repair costs reach or exceed 50% of the replacement cost.
- He also stated that provincial engineers have determined that Varennes does not meet the requirements for replacement.

### **Possible Follow-Up**

- Ron asked Brian about scheduling a meeting with provincial engineers to discuss their recommendations for Varennes.
- Brian stated that meetings would only be scheduled once the new provincial schools' finance department is established, though no specific timelines were provided.
- Ron shared two new LRSD documents ([2034 Plan](#) and [Building Dashboard](#)) with Brian. – **(Links can be navigated through link of the 10 year plans through dashboard)**
- Brian indicated he would forward these documents to the appropriate department but did not say he would review them himself.
- Brian congratulated PCC and community for getting LRSD to put the new school for Varennes at the top of its priority list.

### Fundraising (3 min)

[Mabel's Labels](#) – update (Eileen)

[Peak of the Market](#) –

- Well received – raised \$1897.50

[Family Fundraiser Letter](#)

[Hot Lunch](#)

Hot lunch order today

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- Spread the word – post on media (petition will follow)
- **Full Commercial Kitchen upcoming will be taking a full month & we call it “A sushi Kitchen “**

#### Upcoming Events

Next PCC Meeting:

- January 30, 2025
- May 22, 2025
- June 12, 2025 (AGM)

**Adjournment** (1 min) 7:26 pm

- Next meeting: May 22, 2025

