

# Collège Béliveau Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 6:30pm

## Minutes

**Present:** Eryn Barthel, Jennifer Campbell, Kelly Grijalva, Nicole Graham-Tétrault, Diann Dunbar, Jenn Wade, Tayo Aremu, Corinne Antoniuk, Andrea Kolody, Shamara McGurran, Orla Maboneza

**Regrets:** Damien Lemoine, Shannon Palahitski

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm and the school's Land Acknowledgement was read by Eryn Barthel.

### SPECIAL GUESTS

Daralyn Davidson, Jennifer Thys, Malaika Brandt-Murenzi, Reena Gill

### STUDENT REPORT

*No report*

### TEACHER'S REPORT

*Safety Survey Presentation, led by Malaika Brandt-Murenzi*

The teachers provided PAC with an introduction to a new survey tool that will be soft launched soon. This is an anonymous tool to help students who are dealing with tough situations (ie. Racism, homophobia, transphobia, sexism) or a tool to allow students a way to report unwanted behaviors without the burdens of feeling unheard or fearing repercussions from others sharing.

***Parent Question: Have you thought about retaliatory survey submissions?***

The goal is that the survey is not meant to be punitive, it allows staff to get to the root of the problem. Staff will be exercising their due diligence, this is not a knee-jerk reaction. The survey's goal is to ensure that all students should feel safe at school.

### ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

*None*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes from November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Accepted by Nicole Graham-Tétrault. Seconded by Jennifer Campbell ***Carried.***

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### NEW BUSINESS-

- **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*none*

### COMMITTEE/LIASON UPDATES OR REPORTS

#### Parent Volunteer Committee

Our upcoming event is on Thursday, February 19th to cook the sausages. I have applied for an RBC Grant, and if approved, 2 of my RBC colleagues will be volunteering. If we require additional volunteers, Jen will set up a sign-up link.

## Fundraising Committee

We are still actively looking for a volunteer coordinator. Currently we do not have any upcoming fundraising projects, aside from our pizza lunches, which we're planning on hosting on Friday, March 13th, with admin approval. On our advertisement, we will include a statement that if there are any children that have dietary restrictions, or require additional support with their order to please send an email to [collegebeliveaupac@gmail.com](mailto:collegebeliveaupac@gmail.com) or reach out to the admin so that we can make additional arrangements.

Our most recent pizza lunch was held last Friday, we purchased 75 pizzas, and we sold out of all of our chips, drinks, and cookies, and had only 3 slices leftover. Our total profit was \$1,050, which was deposited on Friday. Since 2024, we have hosted 10 pizza fundraisers, for a total profit of \$5,589. Thank you to the admin for supporting these lunches, and thank you to our group of volunteers.

## Staff Appreciation Committee

I would like to submit a motion to approve a \$500 budget. Jenn C and I will pick up the supplies and we're planning on setting up a breakfast of muffins, bagels and cream cheese, fruit, and coffee. Admin to confirm total amount of staff and any food intolerances or allergies. A discussion took place on the best day to host this breakfast appreciation.

**Motion** to support the Staff Appreciation event with a budget of \$500. Approved by Nicole Graham-Tétrault; Seconded by Shamara McGurran. **Carried.**

**ACTION:** Andrea to confirm a date that would allow for the majority of staff to be able to fully participate and to forward any dietary needs to Eryn.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

Thank you to our admin for setting up team link for tonight's meeting. This convenient option allowed additional family members to join our meeting, and kept us all nice and warm!

### Wishlist - update

In September, we asked admin to reach out to the staff for a wish list of either supplies or covering the costs of some new programs @ CB. We received an extensive list, and I'm happy to report that the PAC will be supporting PAC will cover up to \$500 for the rental of the wheel chair cost as well as up to \$750 for the esports club. These proceeds will come from the \$1500 RBC Grant, which is currently held with the LRSD school division. We have some outstanding wish list items, which have currently been tabled while admin looks into additional grants. The current balance in our account is \$8,115 and after our annual commitments, we still have an available balance of \$4,300.

A discussion took place about the potential to budget for up to \$2,500 for one-time fee wish list items as it is difficult to commit to supporting programs with annually fees as our budget and balance fluctuate. Additional discussions took place about items on the PAC Wish list, such as the potential of increasing the prize of our bursary funds from \$600 to \$1000, for this school year only. As we do not have an updated wish list, many felt that we should hold off approving and finalizing the budget to these two worthy projects. **Tabled to March meeting.**

**ACTION:** Andrea to reach out to the staff and request an updated wish list from staff, of one-time fees ahead of our next meeting.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Current cash balance is \$8,115.

Revenue to date is \$3,575 (Farm to School Fundraiser and Pizza lunch). Our budgeted expenses are healthy and could support additional expenses this year.

## **ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT**

- Thanks to our staff for organizing our 7 Days of Generosity food drive before the break and it was a huge success. Our grade 9 students donated the most items and were rewarded with a late start on January 23rd. We were able to put together several hampers for members of the Collège Béliveau community, so thanks to everyone for their support.
- Thanks to our IBPOC student and staff committee for organizing and running a cultural food sale in December. It was a huge success!
- Our grades 9-12 jazz band concert took place on December 9th. Thanks to M. Grenier and the students for all the time spent perfecting a great show. The medley of Charlie Brown holiday songs was once again a highlight! We look forward to the Concert Band and Jazz Band Optimist Festivals in February and March.
- Thanks to M. Waters for organizing our latest Open Mic on December 12th in the library over the lunch hour. They are always a great way for our students to showcase their talents!
- Staff and students were very sad that our December 21st Friday Night Live performances had to be postponed due to bad weather (and no equipment because of it) We are pleased that it has been rescheduled for Friday, February 6th in the afternoon. Thanks to M. Marcoux and the leadership students for organizing this activity each year.
- The re-opening of the school cafeteria on January 19th has been a great success! Les Filles Cuisine are very glad to be back and staff and students are thrilled!
- Our boys' and girls' curling teams are in the semi-finals on Thursday at 4:30 pm at the St. Vital Curling club. Come and support them! Go Cudas!
- Our entire team has been working incredibly hard to prepare for our Grade 7 and Grade 9 Open House, which will take place on February 24th. The evening is being planned as both information and celebration of everything we do here.
- Please note that our annual Pancake breakfast will be on Friday, February 20th and will serve as a fundraiser for grade 12 students' graduation. More info to come, but we will need volunteers for Thursday to cook sausages ahead. Thanks!
- Thank you to PAC for providing Thermea gift certificate for The United Way fundraiser event for Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate. Between the silent auction and donations, the staff from both schools raised over \$10,000.

### **Upcoming events**

- January 21st /22nd – Provincial Math exams – Essentials/Pre-Cal (no Applied this semester)
- January 26th – Propel Exposition – 7:00 pm - Library
- January 27th - Staff Meeting – (Early Dismissal)
- January 28th – Last day of classes for the first semester (Final official day is February 2 nd )
- January 29th /30th - Semester transition days (No classes for Grades 9-12, cafeteria closed)
- February 2nd – PD Day – No classes
- February 3rd – First day of the second semester
- February 13th – Report cards posted online (grades 9-12)
- February 20th – Festival du Voyageur pancake breakfast
- February 24th – Grade 7 and Grade 9 information evening/open house (invitation coming)

## **PARENT QUESTIONS**

*None*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm. Accepted by Nicole Graham-Tétrault, seconded by Corinne Antoniuk.

**NEXT MEETING DATE** – March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Future meetings:** May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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