



ÉSCB School Community Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 29, 2025

TIME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION: ÉSCB School

Call to order @6:31

Attendance: **Jamellah Paggao, Deanna Chabot, Daphne, Kristin Lins, Chipalo Simunyola, Kate Macchia, Jennifer Low McEleney, Temitope Ayandokun, Andriy Yamchuk, Oyeronke Aideyan, Victor Ponce, Kelly Penuita, Cheryl Melo, Jamie Cochico, Natasha Mieras, Abiodun Adehi, Alyssa Strachan, Michelle Adolph, Nicole Hartleb, Corinne Antoniuk, Olugbenga Adetunji, Amber Rutherford, Katelyn Pursaga**

Regrets: **Jolene (Vice Principal) sends regrets**

Admin Guests: Cameron Johnson (Principal), Lisa Albrecht (Vice Principal)

Voting Member attendance / confirmation of quorum and exec minimum:
(4 voting members, 2 required for quorum – 4 present)

Call to Order

1. Land Acknowledgment

2. Purpose of the School Community Council

To foster effective communications amongst stakeholders and actively support the enhancement of student leaning learning and French immersion within Louis Riel School Division

3. Welcome and Introductions: Deanna, Jamellah, Daphne, Kristin

Approval of Agenda

- Approval of proposed agenda: Nicole motions to approve the agenda, Victor (proxy) seconds. All in favor, **MOTION PASSED**

Opening Remarks

- In May, at Ecole Sage Creek School, Deanna and Jamellah were voted in as interim co-chairs
- Since then, we opened a bank account at Caisse, we went with them because they have community sponsorship programs, so we were hoping to try to apply for and donation from them
- We opened it also to get a float for the Jets raffle fundraiser for 50/50 tickets on Canada Day for the Playground group
- We started social media accounts as discussed with admin
- Admin requested the SCC to purchase Buddy Benches. We originally had a budget of \$4,000 for 2 gaga ball pits, but they only have the space for 1, so we are doing 1 pit, and using the remainder of the funds for the first bench. Buddy benches are about \$1,800. We are hoping to fund one more buddy bench with our Spenst Bros pizza and Old Dutch profits
 - Nicole suggested that we look at drainage and base before we install so we don't have to re-do them– we will talk to Neil about how to do it – Lisa said the location has been selected (*We can talk to Neil (Gym teacher) about this before we install*)

- We launched fun lunches for the Fall session, we don't have a person leading this yet, so we just used vendors that we had used in the past that were profitable. We are looking for lead to plan the next 2 sessions of lunches
- We launched fundraising as well, but are looking for someone to do the remainder of the year
- We need to purchase bins 35 classrooms at \$5 per bin. Can we motion \$225 for the purchase of bins? **Michelle motioned for the purchase of bins for \$225, Kelly seconded it – All in favour – motion passed**
 - What's the expectation on how many volunteers we need. – not sure – you can sign up on munchalunch
- K – 2 have lunch monitors (kids) in the classroom – so they can help
- Two different lunch hours so we will organize the food accordingly
- Administration can ask students to help hand out lunches now that we have Grade 7 and 8's
- We talked about purchasing a movie license. We need this for Copyright purposes. – we will split the cost with the school. **We would like to motion to spend up to \$500 on the movie licence. Amber motioned, Obia seconded it. All in favour. Motion passed.**

By-Laws

We have been working on creating a draft for our By-laws. We have amalgamated this from a number of different sources. We emailed the draft to you with the meeting agenda.

Now we are looking for an ad-hoc By-law committee to look at the different sources and finalize what we have started. We are hoping to have this done for our meeting in November. **Chip is the school trustee and Kate will form this ad-hoc committee.**

Cam and Lisa – what we want is to have something in place to get things going. We want everyone to know that everyone has an opportunity to bring something to this, which is why we would like your involvement. These are the first steps to be a part of creating our community. There is no used to be, this is brand new, and we are creating everything new. This will help create a new culture for our school. We have kids and staff from so many different schools and we want to keep that in mind.

Appoint New Council Members

Presentation of nominees (self-nominations or nominations from others)

We will start with the executive positions. We would like to know if anyone is interested in our jobs.

- Would anyone like to start shadowing us for future years?
- Executives should be doing 2 year terms to keep it fresh
- **Can we get a motion for all 4 executive positions to remain the same. Chip motioned, Nicole seconded it. All in favour – motion passed**

Voting members – we are selecting for different committees until November. Once the by-laws are reviewed, we will see if there are any changes at that point.

- Scholastic book fair is to work with the Librarian to have this run on one of the nights that the parents are in the building. Organizing students to volunteer as well- **Michelle**
- Grad 8 grad – We would like a committee lead that is connected with the grad 8 parents and work with the students to see what they want it to be. Whether it is large or small. We will not be charging parents, so it will have to be 100% funded. Teachers can supervise - We are not sure if the school will have any money in the budget for it. - **Nicole**
- Staff appreciation is to find ways to honour our staff. We are not sure if or what the budget will be for this yet. – **Jamie and Michelle**
- Events organization – does it happen during school hours, or is it during the evening? *Typically in the evenings of school nights.* **NO ONE VOLUNTEERED**

- Fundraising Committee organizes with different suppliers to sell food and merchandise to our school members. Also make sure there are people to help distribute. - **Amber, Andriy**
- Fun lunch organizes different lunch dates and vendors. Adds the information to Munchalunch and sends the reports to the vendors ensuring the food arrives, and ensures we have enough volunteers to help hand out the food to the classrooms - **Abiodun**
 - Staggered lunch by grade. There is parking for volunteers.
- Playground committee and raising money to build a playground for our school grounds – **Katelyn** is leading this right now and plans to continue to lead. *Andre would like to join that group*
 - We need people to help sit at Sobeys for the Jets tickets raffle that closes end of October
 - **Jennifer and Andre** can help write grants
 - Meeting on Oct 14, and possible the 21st
- Volunteer recruitment – creating a database, making incentives to try to recruit more help – **Victor**
 - Raffle off front row tickets for the Winter Concert. Raffle off a parking spot for the winter concert. – possible idea.
- School events – including movie nights, dances, gym nights, bingo night – **NO ONE VOLUNTEERED (Amber, if there was someone else to help – but then she wouldn't do fundraising)**
 - Hard to find volunteers for the events, it is not a drop off event, parents have to stay
 - We could split the events K-4, 5-8
 - Van B was really good at getting parents to bring a chair and stay out in the hallway to help.
 - Movie nights we allowed kids from other school, but the dance we did not allow kids from outside of the school.
 - Community event – everyone can come
 - School event – only students from the school (and their families) can attend
 - The City of Winnipeg processes permits for the gym
- Babysitting and Home Alone Courses– we would like to offer courses for our students, as well as look at providing childcare for our meetings – **Kate**

Treasurer Report

Balances		
Bank Balance		\$ 14,084.31
Cash on Hand		\$ 861.90
Transaction Summary		\$ 14,946.21
Category	Description	Sum of Amount
PAC general	Cash Box	(33.50)
	Float	-
	<u>Munchalunch</u>	(369.60)
	PAC Starting Balance	3,400.00
	PAC Transfer	10,714.31
PAC general Total		13,711.21
Playground 50/50	50/50 Cash Purchases	445.00
	50/50 E-Transfer	115.00
	50/50 paid	(280.00)
Playground 50/50 Total		280.00
Playground Donation	Cash Donation	30.00
	E-Transfer Donation	120.00
Playground Donation Total		150.00
Playground Jet's Tickets	Jets Tickets	805.00
Playground Jet's Tickets Total		805.00
Grand Total		14,946.21

- We didn't want to overstep anything because we were interim
- We had the previous PAC vote to put two Gaga ball pits in; this administration has said that only 1 would fit. So, I split the already committed \$4,000 towards the 1 Gaga ball pit, and the requested Buddy benches.
- We started the year with \$14,000 from the school split.
- We bought a cash box, munchalunch license fee
- Playground – Jet ticket raffle, 50/50 and donations. – have \$1,235
- Munchalunch – we haven't received anything yet – but potentially we are looking at \$14,000 profit for the year
- Munchalunch fees are License Fee, Swipe fees, transaction fees, Deposit Fee
- We need to identify the things that we want to spend on each year, and spend what we raise, not holding it for the next year.
- Home alone course for kids 11 to 13 through LRSD – Van B has a person. Charge the families for the course, but if there are some who need help, the SCC can help with the cost.
- Could we do the funding for teachers through a percentage of how much we raise. Teachers can use the money how they wish (School buses, Field Trips, etc.)
- Percentage of what the SCC earns, can go to the playground possibly.
- **Cam:**
 - *Staff all have their passion projects – but we don't know them yet. So that will likely come up throughout the year.*
 - *A couple of years ago, a teacher wanted to have a Mobile library was \$6,000 with a \$1,000 additional expense each year – so something like that could come up*
 - *We still don't know all of the needs – Recess equipment – shovels for the winter etc. will all come up and will end up costing a lot of money*
 - *Scholarships will come up each year, Patrol program to get up and running – and party to reward them for their volunteer work*
- Could we look at some sort of shade component that we could add to the playground – they are very specific because of the liability
 - *Cam – the plan is that there will be a lot of trees planted, that will provide us a lot of shade in the future.*
 - *They have already started to re-plant some of the trees that died.*
- Do we need to purchase Insurance for the PAC/SCC - liability etc. is all covered
 - \$200 for the meeting permits in another province
 - *Lisa - Manitoba Students Association – sign up was done through there and then you are registered and insured. Not sure if this still exists, but we can look into it.*
- **Motion to approve financials – Nicole motioned, Heather seconded it. All in favour. Financial passed.**

Administration Report

- Thank you to everyone who has come out. This is really important to defining who we are
- It's been great, a little chaotic
- 816 students, 83 staff
- Because the building is so big, it really doesn't feel that busy
- We are getting the speakers and the alarms all figured out
- We will be sending out Friday weekly reminders, parent post is divisional, so sometimes we pull from there. School fees etc. We will include anything that the SCC wants us to add to it
- We would like to start building the website with the calendar of events
- We would like to start setting up what we are all about – we have taken info from the survey from last year in January. There will be another survey to continue that process. You will receive this soon
- Words matter – we really want to live by this and not just have it get buried under other stuff

- All three of us have a project for the year – are we really trying to form our school around what comes from this. We will have posters around the school, so both students and adults know what our expectations are and what their expectations should be
 - Cam is the Project Based Leadership
 - Lisa is the understanding of what we do inside and outside and how everything correlates. We would like to bring signage in to support this, as well as a Mascot that goes along with this goal. We also want the kids to know what to expect from the adults in the building
 - Jolene is coming from a High School into an Elementary School so she is working on what we can learn from that
- We have gotten to know each other quite well, and it's been a lot of fun. The idea of a community council is on purpose and intentional. – we really want it to have inclusion and support as its core philosophy. This is the same as ours, we want to make sure that the main thrust is that we are bringing people together. If we need to go slowly to create that culture, we will
- Lisa: we are looking hard at student safety and a sense of belonging, routines and safety. These are our priorities, we will get to some of the other things soon, but the students are our priority.
- We are not rushing anything for this year.
- Building strong foundations is our goal. We keep changing our minds because we keep getting new information. We want people to have a voice at the table.
- Sports are up and running; Volleyball and cross country is already going
- Open house had 350 people registered and more attend
- CBC has come; retired staff are coming. We are proud and it is exciting
- We have a lot of clubs going – violin club with our 3 music teachers, special Olympics club,
- Kids are eager and there is no shortage of participation.
- We had someone come and work with our Grade 7 and 8's to get the kids writing and creating games – so its fun to offer that kind of stuff for the kids
- We secured a literacy group with specialist for some of our teachers, and we plan to do all of the teachers throughout the upcoming years.
- Structured literacy teaching to the teachers of K-2 has started and will continue.

Other Business

- We may do a movie night October 23 – we will work with administration to try to get this going

Next meeting dates are:

- i. **November 24, 2025**
- ii. **January 26, 2026**
- iii. **March 23, 2026**
- iv. **May 25, 2026**

Adjourn Meeting : Time 19:52

Motions:

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