

**École Neil Campbell School**  
**Parent Advisory Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:30 pm**

**Present:** Andrew Hirst (Principal), Juanita Neufeld (Co-Chair), Jenni Danino (Co-Chair), Stephanie Kalicinski (Treasurer), Karli Friesen (Fundraising Coordinator), Gillian Mercer (Member at Large), Marianne (Member at Large), Julianna Taylor (guest)

**Regrets:** Holly Siguardson, Chantal Johnson

1. Call To Order - Juanita opened the meeting at 6:30 pm
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting - Juanita motions to approve the minutes, Stephanie seconds. Minutes Approved.
4. Additions to the Agenda - RETSD Virtual Budget Meetings
5. Chairperson's Report
  - Gillian has attended 3 meetings and is officially a member at large
  - RETSD Virtual Budget Meetings, which will be held online on January 29 and February 26 at 7:00 p.m. The link for the February 26 meeting will be made available closer to the meeting date on the River East Transcona School Division website: [River East Transcona School Division](#)
6. Treasurer's Report
  - *The financial report for January is not only short but also sweet. The only activity was revenue and there were no expenses.*
  - *The General Account had an opening balance of \$7504.95.*
  - *The only activity to the PAC accounts was the deposit of two cheques from Healthy Hunger. So, the General Account had a closing balance at the end of January of \$8,152.70.*
  - *There were no changes during this time to the playground account. The balance remains at \$377.75 for this account.*
  - *I would like to utilize that lesser used account, "Playground" account, more as we move forward with our playground project. I see two different methods for this and would like the input of PAC on which is preferred.*
  - *Method 1. When any PAC revenue comes in, we could siphon off a set percentage to the Playground account and leave the remaining percentage in the General account for more timely PAC use. Ie, if we decided 75% of revenue goes to the Playground account and 25% remains in the General Account, then a \$1000 profit from the Bothwell Cheese fundraiser would result in \$750 added to the Playground Account and \$250 to the general account.*

- *Method 2. Determine an annual budget that we want to stay within for the General Account, and put all additional revenue above that amount into the Playground Account. I.e, we adhere to an annual budget of \$1,500, for example, and all other revenue above that amount goes to the Playground Account. This method would be trickier because our expenditures can vary quite a bit. Saying yes to a project like school field trip shirts could essentially mean saying no to any other PAC events.*
  - *What method does everyone prefer?*
  - *What percentages or annual budget amount would you find appropriate?*
  - *If we can come to a consensus now, then I can initiate this by the next meeting.*
  - *Additionally, can I get consensus on applying this method to the existing \$8,152.70 in the General Account and complete a transfer to the Playground Account?*
  - NOTES - method 1 with a sense of budget for PAC activities and a limit of \$1500 for admin asks.
  - Stephanie will put together a min balance suggestion and budget
  - Stephanie motions to transfer \$5000 from the general to the playground account this week, Marianne seconds, all in favour, motion passed.
7. Fundraising Coordinator's Report
- 124 Healthy Hunger Orders for Thursday
  - Marianne will come help grade 5's and Andy/Chantal
  - Bothwell up and running, orders in by February 20th. KARli and Stephanie will count on the 20th. March 12th pick up. Leftovers can be picked up at Student Led Conferences.
8. Administrator's Report
- 1) Current enrollment of 339
  - 2) January, we celebrated "I Love to Read" month at Neil Campbell. Classrooms decorated their doors to look like the cover of their favorite book. Teachers invited guest readers to share stories and read them to the class. The whole school took part in a shared write, creating a story that was read at the end of the month in an assembly.
  - 3) We are excited to have RBC volunteers helping at our Festival De Voyageur day on February 19 and at our next book fair March 19th
  - 4) PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) will begin a school wide positive ticket campaign. It looks like the pilot run for this program will be rolled out in March.
  - 5) Staff PD January 30th and Feb 2
    - a. Discussions on Excellence (share with PAC)
    - b. Numeracy – "productive struggle"
    - c. The importance of Play in early years classroom (K-5)
    - d. Literacy – writing student narratives and the use of mentor texts.

Miss Heintz covering for Mme Groesse who is on a full time leave. She is fitting in well. Mme Groesse may be back after Spring Break. May mean Spring Concert is on hold. TBD

- \$3000 (15 each time) from RBC will come in from this and sit in the Division account

## 9. New/Ongoing Business

- Funding Requests: none
- Kindergarten Open House – Feb 26 6:00-7:00pm
  - Speaker - Juanita and Karli speak and bring a sign up sheet
  - Pamphlet
- Family Fun Event - RBC volunteer request will be submitted (potentially another \$1500) 6-8pm
  1. Food Truck - Mini Donuts, Churro, lemonade - Marianne
    1. 7-11 truck? - Gillian
  2. Scavenger Hunt - Jenni - prize is candy
  3. Bring Dinner for a picnic event?
  4. Let's Talk Science - Jenni
  5. Free Snack - \$130 total from 2025. Buy enough for 300 kids (\$250 spend to approve - Juanita and Karli second) - use sheet tickets, existing
  6. Air brush tattoos - Juanita to contact (\$250 spend Juanita and Gillian)
  7. Big Games - Holly? (\$100 spend Jenni and Gillian to second) - RBC to run the games (potentially comes with \$1500)
  8. 50/50 or silent Auction
  9. Require registration? - no
  10. Craft? - colouring sheets and sidewalk chalk and bubbles - Jenni
  11. Poster - Jenni
  12. Volunteers - Jenni, Juanita, Gillian, Stephanie, Karli, Marianne,
- Playground Update - create a sub committee for grants for the playground project. Jenni will write up and have included in the ememo. Include thermometer info. Display board with goals.
- Other - Jet's tickets - funding change allows you to buy tickets online. Andy will call JH principal. Otherwise advertise beforehand and sell at Student led.
- Stephanie motions \$150 float for student led conferences 50/50 raffle, Juanita seconds.

- Student Led Conference - table with displays re shade structure.
  - 1. Snacks for the teachers - Juanita motions \$250, Gillian seconds.

10. Next Meeting - March 10th 6:30 pm

11. Adjournment - Juanita closed at 7:59 pm