

École Neil Campbell School
Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Present: Andrew Hirst (Principal), Chantel Johnson (Vice Principal), Juanita Neufeld (Co-Chair), Jenni Danino (Co-Chair), Stephanie Kalicinski (Treasurer), Karli Friesen (Fundraising Coordinator), Marianne Scruggs (Member at Large), Julianna Taylor (Member at Large)
Gillian Mercer (Member at Large)
Regrets: Holly Siguardson

1. Call To Order - 6:30pm Jenni
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting - Juanita and Jenni
4. Additions to the Agenda - No
5. Chairperson's Report
 - Julianna has attended 3 meetings and is officially a member at large
 - Meeting with Emma Durand Wood and Charity
 1. Very positive, we are in a good spot with our three phase plan which they liked.
 2. They mentioned that they will send a list of recommended grants we can also apply for. Also mentioned that often having 25% of the project funding ready can help when applying for grants
 3. They are willing to write a letter of support of \$20,000 for our project (primarily the first phase). To note on this: this is not a guarantee of \$20,000, especially given there is an election in October. They are going to get back to us on the logistics of that support letter and how it relays into funds.
 4. They also have the ability for smaller donations of \$500 in support of an event like a trivia night. They also have a good contact to run something like this.
 - Kindergarten Open House report – Feb 26 6:00-7:00pm
6. Treasurer's Report
 - Within the month of February, there was no activity in either the general PAC account or the playground account. The balances remain at \$8152.70 and \$377.75, respectively.
 - The timing of when the Bothwell fundraiser hit our accounts means that March will see a lot more movement as well as transferring of funds into the playground account. So, a sneak peak into March shows the profit from the Bothwell/Archie fundraiser was approximately \$2,300. Biggest

PAC fundraiser in recent memory! Also, money has been transferred into the playground account, so we will have a clear view of progress on the Playground project. After we finish a transfer from the Bothwell fundraiser, the playground account will be around \$7,000 (instead of \$377.75). Lots of movement next month - stay tuned!

7. Fundraising Coordinator's Report

- Bothwell is a great fundraiser but we need to find a better order sheet (google sheet)
- Pita pit was very easy to distribute and popular
- Kernels Popcorn -option to have popcorn Friday as fundraiser
- Possible weekend pick up for fundraisers on Saturdays (Andy's ok to do that)

8. Administrator's Report

1) Current enrollment of 339

2) The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that River East Transcona School Division will be holding an in-person Parent Forum on Saturday, April 25 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm at the ERC in Bernie Wolfe School. The theme of the forum is Creating Student Success: A Shared Commitment to Mental Health and Well-Being in Our Schools. This theme was identified based on multiple points of parent feedback.

The forum will include:

- A brief presentation about how the division currently supports mental health and well-being.
- Accounts from students and those who support them.
- Three interactive breakout sessions that are focused on mental health and well-being, including, for example: suicide awareness and prevention, social and emotional learning, cell phone and social media use.
- Time for discussion rounds at small table groups.

We need your assistance, as each of our 42 schools is invited to send two parents to participate in the forum. Please identify two parents (from different families) in whatever way best suits the processes that you have in place at your school (e.g., approach parent council, connect with volunteers). You might decide to identify three parents, in case one of the confirmed parents is unable to attend. Your representatives should feel comfortable in a room filled with people and be prepared to speak in a small group setting. This parent forum will provide a valuable opportunity to learn from leading experts in mental health and well-being, while also connecting with parents from across the division

3) New procedures pertaining to school volunteers. On March 1st I received an email from our assistant superintendent of human resources, in this email Ms. Colorado explained that going forward we will be requiring all school volunteers to have both a

completed Child Abuse Registry check (filled out in the office) and a completed Criminal Record Check (filled out online cost \$65.00). This has a few implications for PAC.

1. All PAC executive members must complete both forms – the school will pay for the CRC's - send to Andy if you have one that's less than 1 year old.
2. Moving forward – the school will have to determine how many volunteers we can support per year (1 per class would be an annual cost of approximately \$1040.00, this would diminish over time)

4) February was a busy month with 100 day, Black History month, Valentines day and Festival de voyageur. We had a fun week of Festival activities which culminated with a concert for the whole school put on by TiBert et Douzie:

5) PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) our school wide ticketing system has started. All students were introduced to this new initiative on Monday at a school wide Assembly.

6) Our Ecole Neil Campbell store is set to reopen starting next week, the store will remain open until the end of April.

7) Request for support- our spring concert is scheduled for April 23rd and 24th , the music department is asking for some support to offset the cost of the sound and lighting. Last concert the total cost for the sound and the lighting was just over \$1000.00.

9. New/Ongoing Business

- Funding Requests:
 1. Request for support- spring concert April 23rd and 24th - support to offset the cost of the sound and lighting. Last concert the total cost for the sound and the lighting was just over \$1000.00.
 - Could reach out to City Councillor Durand-Wood about \$500 support payment like last time?
- Spring Family Fun Night - April 30th, 6pm - 8pm
 1. Poster - Jenni - Draft Ready
 2. No registration required.
 3. Bring Dinner and a blanket and have a picnic - can eat indoors in bad weather.
 4. RBC volunteer request will be submitted another (another \$1500)total \$6000
 5. Scavenger Hunt - Jenni DONE to be printed - prize is candy
 6. Let's Talk Science - Jenni emailed March 6

7. Craft - colouring sheets and sidewalk chalk and bubbles - Jenni
8. Free Snack - Buy enough for 300 kids (\$250 spend approved) use sheet tickets, existing - Volunteer to buy _____
9. Air brush tattoos - Juanita to contact (\$250 spend approved)
10. Big Games - Holly? (\$100 spend approved)
 - RBC to run the games? And chalk & Bubbles if weather permits?
11. 50/50 or silent Auction -
12. Food Truck status report:
 - Dexter's Mini Donuts - Marianne - no deposit required this time. Potential for proceed donation.
 - Hot Dog Stand - Marianne - Willy's Dogs - \$9 bundle hotdog, chips and drink. If we do for \$10 - then \$1 back to PAC. Also non-bundle hot dog for \$6 Can be eaten inside if needed
 - lemonade - Marianne - Didn't get info yet
 - 7-11 truck - Marianne - we are on the list for possible reservations when they open

Volunteer positions:

1. Set up - Jenni, _____, _____, _____
 2. Free Snack - Karli, Marianne
 3. Scavenger Hunt/Craft - Jenni, Volunteer
 4. Big Games/Chalk/Bubbles - RBC?
 5. Airbrush Tattoos - Juanita, Volunteer
 6. 50/50 or Silent Auction - Stephanie, Gillian
 7. Take down - _____, _____, _____
- Playground Update - Jenni and Juanita
1. No response from Enewsletter call out. Time to tap shoulders.
 2. Fundraising and Grant Tracking project with Stephanie
 - Clarification on RBC contributions so far - by end of April we will have received \$6000
 3. Jenni applying for Grants:
 - Access Credit Union grant \$20,000 (deadline is March 31)
 - Sandbox Communities at Play grant \$25,000 (deadline is March 31) - Project needs to be completed in 2026- we have applied.
 - Winnipeg Foundation - Community Grant zoom info session on March 17 from 12-1pm. Deadline March 27 - a few things to clear up regarding eligibility. We are a registered charity with RETSD and having the money in trust means they issue tax receipts. Waiting on Andy's confirmation that we can use the charity number for grant applications.

- Grant sub-committee to meet on teams
- 4. Other fundraising information/possibilities
 - Jeff Browaty - discretionary fund - more for NK -Springfield?
 - Jim Malloway - MLA - possible funding?
 - Approaching local business - round up at freshCo? Price?
 - Electronic payments coming for school fees and possibly fundraising (raffle)?
 - Funding Change (online raffle service) - takes 13% of what we raise - but can enhance reach so might be worth it?
- Other
 1. Jet's tickets raffle - Raffle tickets to be sold at Student led March 19th. (\$150 float approved - Stephanie)
 - Poster complete and in March 6 enews. Also printed and on bulletin board.
 2. Andy news about electronic raffle (for future) from JH - TBC at later meeting.
- Student Led Conference - March 19 - 3:45 - 8:30pm
 1. Display re shade structure = Jenni
 2. Jets raffle tickets at table.
 - float = Stephanie.
 - Tickets in storage = Juanita.
 - Box = Jenni.
 - Extra box for donate anyway = Jenni
 - License = Karli. DONE.
 - Sign up sheets - PAC and Grant sub-committee = Juanita
 - Volunteers
 - 3:45-5 - Jenni
 - 5-530 - Steph?
 - 530-7 - Karli
 - 6-730 - Juanita
 - 730-830 - Jenni & Juanita
 3. Snacks for the teachers (\$250 spend approved).
 - Volunteers to buy and prep Gillian
 - Volunteers to set up Gillian

10. Next Meeting - April 14th 6:30 pm

11. Adjournment - 8:07pm - Jenni and Gillian