



ÉCOLE ST. GERMAIN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 11, 2026 – Meeting Minutes

Attendance

In Person: Sam Hobday, Mike Hobday, Christie Kurz, Claudia Cortes-Perez, Leah Macdonald, Alanna Brown, Kaeleigh Bowles, Leanne Lutomski, Alison Bulow, Janelle Chambers, Richel Lehmann, Lindsey Henderson, Jonathon Tan, Kiprian Warren and Dave Charney.

Virtual: N/A

1. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.
2. Land Acknowledgement made by Mike Hobday.
3. Approval of February 2026 agenda motion to approve made by Leha Macdonald, second by Richel Lehmann. **PASSED.**
4. Approval of January 2026 Meeting Minutes motion to approve made by Sam Hobday, second by Christie Kurz. **PASSED.**
5. Treasurer's Report (Kaeleigh Bowles)
January Financial Summary:
 - \$956.37 spent on Munch-a-lunch with revenue collected of \$4,526
 - \$21 spent on babysitting
 - Fundraising Running totals: Krispy Kreme \$734, Grocery Gift Card \$1,130, Munch-A-Lunch \$4,255, Mabel's Labels \$201
 - Ending cash balance for January 2026 \$14,118
6. Administrator's Report:
 - a) **Festival du Voyageur Week Activities Feb 13- 20:** it will start this Friday serving Bannock and Hot chocolate. Tuesday: pancake breakfast, Wednesday: activities from 9 am to lunch, Thursday: Bandaline concert, and a Schoolwide Bingo on Friday. The school still needs some volunteers. Also, the Spirit week will be held on Feb 17-20, featuring different voyageur-themed accessories each day.
 - b) **Cultural celebration on February:**
 - Black history month: ÉSG celebrate by reading the biographies of Canadian athletes who are competing at the Winter Olympics.
 - Luna New Year and Ramadan both will begin on Feb 17th
 - Olympic theme activities

- c) **The school received a class projection:** to hold a total of 18 classes
- d) **BLAST (Before/After School Time) program:** it will cost \$15 per day, and it will start after spring break, it has spot for 52 students.
- e) **Pink Shirt Day:** ÉSG encourage their students to wear pink shirt on Feb 25th, as a symbol of kindness.
- f) **I love to Read Month:** ÉSG will receive two players of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Feb 25 – Nic Demski and Jameson Sheehan to read to the students.
- g) **5 grade Transition Q & A:** a student team from École George McDowell will come to ÉSG to talk on April 14th about their experience in the transition to middle school.
- h) **Vice-Principal Update:** Leeanna Rook has been appointed as the new Vice-Principal of ÉSG, effective Aug 1, 2026. Mme. Leeanna is a music teacher with extensive experience in French Immersion.
- i) **Portfolio Night:** Parent teacher night will be held on March 26th this year, along photo day.
- j) **Dance Night:** A tentative date of April 9th 2026 was proposed for the School Dance
- k) **Folk Dance 2026:** the Upcoming Folk Dance will be held on May 4th at HS Paul school this year.
- l) **Winter equipment:** plan to buy more toboggan due to high student usage and popularity.

7. Upcoming Events:

- **Farewell for grade 5 student's plan:** to celebrate their next school step. Some parent will organize a lunch.
- **Update for coffee club:** it could be re-scheduled once the new security system at school is installed

8. Old Business

- a. **January Movie Night update:** 75 people attended the last movie. No more movie nights this year.
- b. **26/27 open positions** - main focus is Hot Lunch Coordinator: Attendees were reminded to help spread the word about PAC opening positions.
- c. **Staff Appreciation:** potential date at the end of Ramadan- March 20. PAC discussed food to include, discussion will continue to coordinate volunteers for this week.
 - PAC checked previous staff appreciation cost and motion to approve staff appreciation costs of \$1,000 by Sam Hobday and second by Janelle Chambers. **PASSED.**
- d. **Spring Concert:** planning to include a raffle, with kids' summer fun activities (slush station). Additional ideas include inviting food truck vendors, renting games from the city, and setting up a tattoo station. The proposed date is June 3rd.

9. New Business

- a. **Fundraising Update:** Mom's pantry is already running and it is easy to order. Pick up will be set up before spring break. Tentative pick-up date could be at Portfolio night.
- b. **Increase babysitters:** Officially PAC will cover the cost of two babysitters at PAC night; cost \$40.

9. Other Business

- Upcoming fundraisers (dates to be determined):
 - Considering adding Booster Juice, at snack time, depending on volunteer availability.
 - Munch -A-Lunch: MacDonalds –it will be plan for April.

10. Next Meeting – March 11, 2026.

11. Thank you and adjourn – 8:11 p.m.

PAC Executives

Administration: Dave Charney (Principal) and Karlene Fontaine (Vice Principal)

Chair and Co-Chair: Mike Hobday and Sam Hobday

Secretary: Christie Kurz

Co-secretary: Claudia Cortes-Perez

Fundraising Coordinator: Richel Lehmann

Communications Coordinator: Leah Macdonald and Angel-Leighia Chapman-Klaassen

Special Events Coordinator: Janelle Chambers

Munch-a-lunch Coordinator: Kim Labuick

Treasurer: Kaeleigh Bowles

Voting Members

- Charlene Fehr
- Alison Bulow
- Rhea Verbeek
- Megan Wieler
- Kiprian Warren
- Craig Bowles
- Laura Rzeszutek
- Nicole Hacault
- Lindsey Henderson