

St. John's Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 24, 2025

Time: 6PM

Location: ZOOM

1. Opening

- The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Will St. Amant.
- Condolences were shared for Irene Raymond.

2. Roll Call

A round-table introduction was conducted.

- Tricia provided an overview of the purpose and requirements of the Parent Council, emphasizing that it represents the entire St. John's school community, which currently includes 251 students.

3. Election of School Council Executive

The following positions were confirmed:

- Co-Chairs: Will St. Amant and Crystal Lasalle
- Secretary: Jessica Suban Hamilton
- Teacher Representative: Moe Martin

4. Code of Ethics

- The council reviewed the Code of Ethics.
- Trish will circulate a copy to all council members.

5. Fundraising and Financial Accountability

- A public declaration of fundraising and accountability report was shared via Edsby on September 25, including last year's expenditures.
- The largest expenditure supported student field trips.

6. Fundraising Initiatives

- Will proposed a new Beef Jerky Plus fundraiser.

- Discussion emphasized the need to diversify fundraising efforts.
- While Freskiw Farms remains a successful and valued tradition that supports local business, it was noted the community may be reaching saturation.

Proposed Fundraising Options:

- Chocolate Bar Campaign (Aunt Sarah's Simply Delicious Almond Bars):
 - Sell for \$3 each.
 - Profit potential: \$8,000 if 200 boxes are sold.
 - Includes optional pepperoni sticks (\$2 each; \$1 profit per stick; approx. \$2,000 profit total).
 - Grade 6 students will sell chocolates in January to support their year-end trip.

Motion: To pursue the chocolate bar fundraising campaign.

- Moved by: Moe Martin
- Seconded by: Crystal Lasalle
- Carried

Motion: To continue with the Freskiw Farms Christmas Fundraiser.

- Moved by: Tori Lymburner
- Seconded by: Samantha Taylor
- Carried
- Pick-up is typically in the second week of December and will require full parent volunteer support.
- Will share information on Edsby, including an opt-out or donation-in-lieu option re/chocolate bars.

7. Allocation of Funds

Motion: To allocate a projected \$500 per class (equivalent to approximately two buses) to support experiential learning opportunities for students during the 2024–2025 school year.

- Moved by: Samantha Taylor
- Seconded by: Crystal Lacelle
- Carried

8. Next Meeting

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on November 12 at 6:00 PM.

Meeting Adjourned.