

Parents In Partnership (PIP)

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 2025

Location: BSLS Birchdale

Opening:

The meeting was called to order by Marianne Lozinski at BSLS.

Attendance

Members Present:

Marianne Lozinski (President), Natasha Jamison (Vice President), Stephanie Rempel (Secretary), Ashley Verhelst (St. Mary's Representative), Jackie Culley (Co-Treasurer), Heather English (Co-Treasurer), Crystal Apire (Fundraising Chair), Jenn McCrea (School Principal), Jenn Penner (Childcare Director)

Other parents and attendees:

Kyle Rempel

Opening Prayer:

- Focused on guidance and encouragement in challenging times.

Devotional:

- Presenter: Ashley

- Key verses shared from 1 Thessalonians emphasize the importance of encouragement and support within the community, particularly for children.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Updates:

1. Registrations:

- Grade 9 and 10 course registrations will be sent home by the end of the month.
- Exciting news: A pre-engineering course will be offered at Nelson.

2. Upcoming Events:

- End of term reports for Grade 9 will be sent home on Friday.

- Parent conferences are scheduled for the week of March 18.
- Grade 5/6 event on May 7; details to follow.

3. Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools Dinner:

- Scheduled for February 27, with six attendees from our school.
- Students' artwork will be displayed during the event.

4. Spring Concert and Fundraiser:

- Spring concert barbecue planned; awaiting final confirmation on details.
- Discussion on volunteer needs for setup and execution of the dinner event, particularly for the silent/live auction. Discussed the opportunity for a committee.

5. Facility Updates:

- Groundbreaking for the new facility is expected to start in July, with a target opening date of September 26.
- Staff have completed training through Project Eleven.

6. Childcare Development:

- Staff development days are scheduled for March and May, focusing on the mandatory sexual abuse prevention curriculum.
- Several staff members are pursuing further education in early childhood development.

7. Fundraising Initiatives:

- Ongoing fundraising efforts with 14 businesses already donating.
- New online bookstore initiative launching soon with faith-based books.

8. Community Engagement:

- Discussion on potential partnerships with the local Polish school for shared use of the facility.
- Ideas for upcoming events, including a dunk tank and other engaging activities for students.

Open Floor:

- Questions and suggestions welcomed, particularly regarding event planning and community outreach.
- Emphasis on the importance of communication and collaboration among staff and parents.

Next Steps:

- Confirm details for upcoming events, including the spring BBQ/concert events, and finalize volunteer roles.
- Continue outreach for fundraising and community partnerships.

Closing:

- Meeting concluded with gratitude for participation and a reminder of the importance of encouragement and support within the community.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Marianne Lozinski at 8:00pm.

Next Meeting: May 14th, 2025

Meeting minutes prepared by: Stephanie Rempel