

Parents in Partnership (PIP)

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 24, 2025

Location: BSLS Birchdale

In Person Attendance:

Crystal Apire (President), Marianne Lozinski (Past President), RaineShyne Morpheus (Co-Treasurer), Scott Hall (Co-Treasurer), Jenn McCrea (Principal), David Kuik (School Board Chair), Jenn Penner, Lise Haberstick, Christin Didora, Bisola Ariyibi, Nopolyon Alazar

Online:

Natascha Jamison (Vice-President), Gloria & Jiri

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Crystal Apire at BSLS.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting May 14, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Introduction, devotional and Opening Prayer:

The meeting commenced with an opening prayer led by Crystal Spire, and a devotional by Marianne Lozinski.

1. Board Report - David Kuik

- New Build Construction
 - No Construction has started yet - it should have started in July , however the application is waiting approval with the City of Winnipeg. There are a number of city departments that need to say 'yes' to changing the current zoning and are scheduled to look at this week.
 - Once zoning is approved then financing can be completed by the bank and permits are completed. Likely won't be done in September.
 - Is there a hard date for no building? No - construction is able to occur during the winter.
 - Will this delay the grades applying to the school? The expansion will only impact Grade 11 & 12 who require science labs, however will first move the labs to second semester so there is less impact, and have alternate schools as options or a mobile lab.
 - PIP Proposal - was denied. The main group focus is to guide/direct the school, and want it to remain as fundraising endeavours.

2. Principal Report - Jenn McCrea

- New staff are off to a great start and are a good fit for the school.
- 120 Students at the school for 2025/26 year

- Focused on individual growth but more importantly spiritual growth
 - Elementary - “Jesus heals the soul”
 - Senior High - “Conscience Training”
- Grade 10 - missions trip to Nicaragua, 4 students along with Ms. McCrea & Pastor Schnarr, January 2-10, 2026, doing VBS
 - October 18 Missions Fundraiser \$40.00/ticket, with a dessert auction, tables will compete for which dessert to eat at the event. In need of 13-14 desserts. The funds raised are for the actual missions portion of the trip, each Student are doing their own fundraising and paying their own way.
- Communication
 - When there are issues, please communicate with your teacher first. Ms. McCrea will direct you to the teacher first. They know what is transpiring in their classrooms, and if they aren’t aware of something, they should be made aware. This builds a better relationship between Teacher/Parent/Student.
 - If there is an issue between the Student and the Teacher, the Parents are welcome to facilitate any communication between them.
- Holidays at the school
 - Celebrate all Holiday Seasons at the school, Valentines, Easter, Thanksgiving, Halloween, Christmas
 - For Halloween activities, speak with the teacher directly to find out what options there are available to your child if you do not want them to participate in halloween activities. The day of, students are permitted to wear costumes (nothing scary, bloody or weapon oriented).
- Chapel
 - Parents and siblings are welcome to join the entire school for Chapel on Wednesdays at 9am, for 30 minutes.

3. Childcare Report - Jenn Penner

- 2 daycare centres (School & St Mary’s) that offer Jr. Kindergarten
- Both centres are at capacity and there is a waitlist. Priority will be given to parents who have students already in the school.
- Before & After School Care is more popular than ever - it’s paramount for scheduling to know when plans changed. Due to life emergencies happening, should a parent be unable to pickup at the end of school, they will automatically be taken downstairs and there will be a fee for using BASC services. Your child will always be cared for.
- Outdoor play in all weather - ensure children are dressed appropriately.
- Going to be doing another student market as last years was a hit. Dec 3 & 4.
- Going to be doing a Christmas market and looking for grow up donations, where the children will make a purchase (all cost the same \$), and it will be wrapped and a surprise for the parents.

4. Financial Report - Jackie Culley & Heather English

- Binder was transferred to Crystal Apire, no financial report presented.
- Crystal obtained signatures on letter to the bank, and will be attending on Monday September 29, 2025 to start the transfer process.

- Crystal will also be reviewing all financials and formulating a spreadsheet or online accounting software before transferring everything to the New Co-Treasurers so they have something to start with.

5. Fundraising Report - Crystal Apire

- Fundsript - will not be happening this year
- Peak of the Market - working on having that come out ASAP
- Mom's Pantry - before Christmas
- Babysitting Nights - 2 Will happen, 1 before Christmas and 1 for Valentines day
- Family Movie Nights - 2 will happen, 1 in November, 1 in January - dates TBD

6. Adjournment - 8:00pm