

Parents in Partnership (PIP):

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 22, 2026

Location: BSLS

Attendance: Crystal Apire (President), Lise Habershtock (Vice-President), Jacco Kooij (Co-Treasurer), Ray Houssin (Vice Principal), Rex Maserati (St. Mary's Rep), Audrey Katako, Tunde Jimoh (Co-Fundraising Chair), Adouz Moslemian, Jill Kioussis, Touiah Oyebola, Bukunmi Oyebola, Lydia Siqi, Stephanie Rempel (Secretary).

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by Lise Habershtock, with a second from Jacco Kooij.

Introductions, Devotional, and Opening Prayer: The meeting commenced with introductions of the executive and members, followed by an opening prayer led by Jacco Kooij and a devotional by Lise Habershtock.

1. By-Law Change 8.2 – Signing Authority

- Recommended Addition: 8.2.1.3 No two signing authorities may reside in the same household. Where the Treasurer and co-Treasurer reside in the same household, the Treasurer shall be the signing authority, and the PIP President shall serve as the second signing authority.
- Motion to accept: Moved by Lise Habershtock, seconded by Jill Kioussis.

2. Financial Report - Delivered by Jacco and Nicoletta Kooij

- Opening Balance: \$5,528.98.
- Expenditures: \$711.91 to Food Fare (BBQ) and \$99.15 for bouncers.
- Adjustment: \$60 payment to Bilal cancelled (not present that day).
- Current Funds: \$4,717.92.

3. Fundraising Report - Delivered by Tunde Jimoh and Crystal Apire

- Pick a Date to Donate: New opportunity for classes to fundraise together.
- Teen Paint Night: November 5th at Saffron's; 35 spots, parents must attend.
- Mom's Pantry: November, with December delivery; Running at the same time as Tenderloin meat to help you stock your freezer.
- Family Movie Night: February 19th; community night with pizza and canteen. Volunteers needed.
- Adult Paint Night: April, date TBD; replaces Teen Paint Night if response is low.

- Glenlea Fundraiser: March to May; proceeds to the school. Sorting volunteers needed.

4. Events & Upcoming Activities - Delivered by Crystal Apire

- Staff Appreciation: Committee needed for a full week at St. Mary's and Birchdale.
- Annual Dinner: Date TBD. PIP is now hosting; typically 250 guests and \$11,000 to \$18,000 raised. Venue options include Caboto Centre. Table sponsorships suggested. Committee led by Crystal Apire.
- Year End BBQ: June 10, 2027. Last year's event was well received; this year's may move off-site due to construction.
- Youth Group: Student-led group for Grades 9 to 12; proposal and budget coming to PIP.
- Sock Hop: Gauging interest in a committee for the younger grades.

5. School Board Report - Delivered by David Kuik

- Construction Update: Underway, slightly behind schedule.
- Enrolment: September 29th is the grant count date; refer prospective families now.
- Recruitment: Parent testimonials are the best marketing; 2027 capacity is 250 to 300 students.
- Online Presence: Website and Instagram updates needed.

6. Principal's Report - Delivered by the Vice Principal on behalf of Jenn McCrea

- Thanked PIP for the BBQ.
- Smooth school start-up; September focus is on routines.
- Ms. Mielleur is running reading groups; teachers send weekly updates.
- Walking club has 35 participants; 21 in cross country.
- Retention is as important as recruitment.
- Survey coming on meeting times before or after school care.

7. Childcare Report - Delivered by Jenn Penner

- Thanked parents for their partnership.
- Birchdale before and after school daycare runs year-round for children up to age 7 or 8.
- Staff development closure dates to be communicated shortly.
- Internet safety session planned for a future PIP meeting.

8. Round Table

- Niverville Bus: Suggested; 47 students needed to fill a bus.
- City Bussing: Survey coming.

Closing: The meeting was adjourned by Jacco Kooij, with a second from Lise Habershtock, at 8:21 PM. David Kuik closed in prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Minutes Prepared by: Stephanie Rempel