Pilgrim Wood Public School
School Council Meeting

Monday, Nov 02, 2026
In-Person Meeting
6:30- 7:30 p.m.

(2025-26) Voting Member Attendance (Total: 19, Attended 16, Quorum Status: Passed)**:**

School Council Members for Academic Year: 2026-27

Present	**Heather Jaksic** Co-Chair	**Present**	**Kadambari Bennurkar** Treasurer	**Present**	**Vikram Iyer** Secretary
Present	**Mirella Villela** PIC	**Present**	**Rebecca Jones** PIC	**Present**	**Lauren Kavanagh** Teacher Rep
Absent	**Gregory Ferrin** Vice Principal	**Present**	**Dean Chisholme** Principal	**Absent**	**Rachel Everett** Vice Principal

School Council Members:

Chair – Heather Jaksic	Principal – Mr. Dean Chisholme
Vice Principal – Rachel Everett	Vice Principal – Gregory Ferrin
Treasurer – Kadambari Bennurkar	Teacher Rep – Lauren Kavanagh
PIC – Rebecca Jones	PIC – Mirella Villela
Secretary – Vikram Iyer	

Voting Members:	5-Oct-26	2-Nov-26
Kadambari Bennurkar	Yes	Yes
Yamini Chandrasekar	Yes	No
Jessica Chen	Yes	Yes
Kalindi Dhekney	Yes	Yes
Rex Dong	Yes	Yes
Priyanka Dsouza	Yes	No
Melisa Gaetani	No	Yes
Nadia Hassan	Yes	Yes
Jennifer Huang	Yes	Yes
Vikram Iyer	Yes	Yes
Heather Jaksic	Yes	Yes

Rebecca Jones	Yes	Yes
Jessica Myers	Yes	Yes
Bhawna Rath	Yes	Yes
Sheetal Saujani-Kotecha	Yes	Yes
Mirella Villela	Yes	Yes
Bin Wang	Yes	No
Stella Zhang	Yes	Yes
Lauren Kavanagh	Yes	Yes

Other Recorded Attendees: Samaneh

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1 Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting called to order by Dean Chisholme at 6:30 PM.
- Vikram Iyer read Land and Acknowledgement.

2 Acceptance of Agenda and Past Minutes

MOTION			**UNANIMOUS**
	Accept draft agenda as published		
MOTION			**UNANIMOUS**
	Minutes as published		

3 Reports

This section will contain any major business or voting which took place between council meetings.

3.1 Treasurer Update

- Kadambari provided updates
- Fun Fair had a balanced of ~$4,000. Fun Fair balance reduced because of a spectrum order which was invoiced recently.
- Total balance currently stands at ~$8,700.

MOTION			**UNANIMOUS**
	Motion to set aside $1,000 for Bouncy Castles Motion was initiated by Heather and seconded by Sheetal (approved by all members). Funds would come from Fun Fair		

MOTION			**UNANIMOUS**
	Motion to set aside $2,500 for Dance-a-thon Motion was initiated by Heather and seconded by Kadambari (approved by all members). Funds would come from Dance-a-thon account		

MOTION			**UNANIMOUS**
	Motion to set aside $2,519 for Booster Juice Motion was initiated by Heather and seconded by Nadia (approved by all members). Funds would come from Fun Fair account		

MOTION			**UNANIMOUS**
	Motion to set aside $538 funding that will be received for Booster Juice Motion was initiated by Heather and seconded by Rebecca to move this amount to Grade 8 graduation party as initially planned (approved by all members).		

MOTION			**UNANIMOUS**
	Motion to set aside $250 for Staff Appreciation (coffee / tea pods) Motion was initiated by Heather and seconded by Rebecca (approved by all members). Funds would come from Fun Fair account		

3.2 Teacher Rep / Vice Principal update

- Lauen's update
  - November 17: Teachers will be sending their progress reports
  - .For Junior Grades – School hosted an engaging Astronomy session in the gymnasium
  - Grade 7 and Grade 8 had a math test recently in school which tested students on high-school level difficulty.

3.3 Principal update

- Principal Dean Chisolme provided details of upcoming activities of school and its council
  - Paid homage to teacher Mme. Macfarlane who recently passed away. School has shown support during this time.
  - "Café Ecole" : a program was offered to French Immersion which was also advocated by French teachers
  - Treaty Recognition Week – Staff will bring awareness of such programs. While these programs happen through the year, this week will be a bit more important
  - Terry Fox Events wrapping up with teachers also volunteering for an eventful activity as target funding is being achieved
  - Photo retake day will also be happening this month

3.4 Chair's update

- Heather provided updates
- Heather provided a heads up that money would need to allocated for activities such as Bouncy Deposit for $1,000
- Highlighted School Council Roles
  - Carnaval
    i) checked with council on who can take lead roles with a group leading the event with Madame Sims
    ii) Naida and Bhawna volunteered to lead the initiative
    iii) Carnaval will be held in February (Date TBD)
  - Dance-a-thon
    i) Heather also guided us on where the usual expenses on Dance-a-thon usually goes to. On a year-to-year basis, it usually remains the same
    ii) Dance-a-thon will be held on November 19th (All-day event)
    iii) Naida and Bhawna would be "volunteer leads" for upcoming events
  - Movie Night
    i) Movie Night will be held offsite
    ii) It will be held on Dec 9th (Wednesday)
  - Winter Crafts Market
    i) Date is to be determined
    ii) Expected to be on a weekend from 11am to 2pm
    iii) This will primarily be more of a community-engagement activity with a bi-product of raising some funds.
  - Staff Appreciation
    i) For staff-appreciation, it was decided that coffee pods and other refreshments will be replenished to show our support to the teachers

3.5 PIC update

- PIC update was provided by Mirella
  - Major Conference happened on Oct 24th where runch and Child Care options were available at the conference.
  - Different topics included such as focusing on hard and soft skills. Other Key topics include
    i) What parents need to know on AI
    ii) Digital Well Being
    iii) Kids and Mental Health
    iv) Future of Education
  - Next meeting is on Nov 18
- PIC update was provided by Jessica
  - Also provided updates on next set of PIC Conferences with initiatives focusing on "8 to 80" or inter-generational activities. More updates will come with time.

4 Unfinished Business

- No major update provided.

5 Adjournment

- Adjourned at 7:30 PM

6 Summary of Action Items

6.1 Action Items

- Next meeting will be held on February 1st, 6:30pm.