

Pilgrim Wood Public School School Council Meeting

Monday, Oct 05, 2026
In-Person Meeting
6:30- 7:30 p.m.

(2025-26) Voting Member Attendance (Total: 19, Attended 18, 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
Present	Gregory Ferrin Vice Principal	Present	Dean Chisholme Principal	Present	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
Kadambari Bennurkar	Yes
Yamini Chandrasekar	Yes
Jessica Chen	Yes
Kalindi Dhekney	Yes
Rex Dong	Yes
Priyanka Dsouza	Yes
Melisa Gaetani	No
Nadia Hassan	Yes
Jennifer Huang	Yes
Vikram Iyer	Yes
Heather Jaksic	Yes
Rebecca Jones	Yes
Jessica Myers	Yes
Bhawna Rath	Yes
Sheetal Saujani-Kotecha	Yes
Mirella Villela	Yes

Bin Wang	Yes
Stella Zhang	Yes
Lauren Kavanagh	Yes

Other Recorded Attendees: Samaneh

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1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Meeting called to order by Dean Chisholme at 6:30 PM.
- Dean Chisholme 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

- Dean provided a brief update on roles of Treasurer ahead of 2027 elections of school council members.

- Dean explained the most important line items in Treasury Report such as PRO Grants, Fun Fair, Fundraising General and Staff Appreciation
- Through election, Kadambari Bennukar was appointed as Treasurer
- We currently have \$9,180.66 which can be used for some deposits for activities that will arise in 2026/27.

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3.2 Teacher Rep / Vice Principal update

- Lauen's update
 - Lauren introduced herself to the new School Council committee.
 - Got to know all students in first month
 - Spoke about the direction the school intends to take including a literacy goal.
 - Created a structure for subjects including Math for the academic year ahead.
- Gregory Ferrin's update
 - Goal to raise funding for Terry Fox Fundraising was \$10,000. We have so far raised ~\$2,176
 - A QR code may also be shared for ease of donations
 - This is a fundraising for cancer research
 - Terry Fox Day is on Oct 8 (Thursday)

3.3 Principal update

- Principal Dean Chisolme provided details of upcoming activities of school and its council
 - Dean provided more details on what Land and acknowledgement and why students are asked to say it
 - Dean spoke about the importance of logo "Dolphin"
 - The importance of a caring community and how students naturally respond to those expectations
 - Dean mentioned quorum from voting members should be greater than 50%
 - Dean also mentioned the positive impact School Council generally has been
 - EQOA results will be shared later
 - No reorganization required as student intake was as expected
 - Wheelchair Basketball Canada (December) – This event promotes equality. Highlights everyone's highlights and inclusivity
 - Council Events include the below (what we have done in the past year) and more
 - i) Parent Engagement Committee
 - ii) Book Fair
 - iii) Volunteers
 - iv) Dance a Thon
 - v) Movie Night
 - vi) Carnaval
 - vii) Fun Fair
 - viii) Staff Appreciation
 - Book Fair:
 - i) Dean mentioned they are looking at local vendors
 - Fund Raising Considerations for the year was presented by Dean but this is more of an example of what Council can raise money. Dean reiterated that School has enough but this is presented to demonstrate where money raised can be potentially be used during the year by Council
 - i) \$20,000 form Chrome books
 - ii) \$5,200 Concert Chimes
 - iii) \$1,600 Bass Drums
 - iv) \$1,500 Library Books
 - v) \$1,500 Sensory Room
 - vi) \$1,000 Ozobots

3.4 Chair's update

- Heather provided updates
- Heather proposed the idea of collaborating for council events that Dean highlighted earlier (Shown in Principal's Update)
- An example of logistics and dates were highlighted by her:
 - Movie Night

- i) Movie Night will be held offsite
- ii) It will be held on Dec 2nd
- iii) And how when students receive the tickets after they purchase, they receive tickets before they reached site for smoother experience of movie night.
- Dance-a-thon will be held on November 19th
- Fun Fair will be held on June 2nd
- Carnaval will be held in February (Date TBD)
- Book Fair (Date TBD)
 - i) Since we are looking at local vendors, there would also be a need to have volunteers to run the planning and operations of it
- Heather also mentioned "Booster Juice Day" can be tried on Nov 3rd as a pilot project
 - i) Heather will work with Jackie Furtado
 - ii) Potentially have one 'small' size, multiple flavors
 - iii) Check for feedback and incorporate it
 - iv) Grade 8 will volunteer for distribution, and any profits can be used for Grade 8 Graduation Funding

3.5 PIC update

- PIC update was reiterated by Mirella
 - Next Conference is on Oct 24th Brunch and Child Care options are available at the conference.
 - Different topics include 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

4 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No major update provided.

5 ADJOURNMENT

- Adjourned at 8:00 PM

6.1 Action Items

- Next meeting will be held on November 2nd , 6:30pm.