



William D. Pratt School Council Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2025

1. **Guests - Michael Vahaaho and Derek Howat, representing Phys. Ed.**

Mr. Vahaaho and Mr. Howat presented request for wall padding for the Aux Gym, particularly under the basketball hoops, for multi-use safety including wrestling practices; quotes are being obtained (estimated around \$10,000 with logo; cost without logo TBD). This item will be added to the January agenda, potentially for Casino funding.

They also requested a table-top score clock/timer that can be used for wrestling, PE classes, and basketball tournaments. Mr. Howat will bring a quote to administration.

2. **Call to order** at 6:18 p.m. by Muhammad A. - Quorum verified

- **Members** in attendance: Lindsay B., Tammy S., Juliet N., Lissa S., Laura O., Muhammad A., Becky P.
- **Administration** in attendance: Patty Numan, Alena Black, Sasha Gardiner-Hadford, Michael Vahaaho, Derek Howat

2. **Review**

- **Agenda** – no changes or additions noted
- **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings** – *Becky motioned for approval. Laura seconded; motion carried.*

3. **Reports**

- **Principal** – updates from Ms. Numan
 - Introduced new assistant principal, Sasha Gardiner-Hadford
 - Ms. Neuman shared a presentation on “Class Size & Complexity,” providing context in response to recent parent questions related to the strike. She expressed gratitude for the community’s support and explained how large class sizes limit the amount of individual time teachers can spend with each student. She also highlighted the growing complexity in classrooms, with many students requiring additional supports, which can make it challenging to meet everyone’s needs. Ms. Neuman emphasized that the issue is not about wages, but about ensuring high-quality education and retaining teachers. She encouraged families to stay engaged in the conversation and continue showing appreciation and support for staff.



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- Upcoming events
 - November 27 & 28: Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
 - December 2: Picture Retakes
 - December 9: Grade 6 Vaccinations
 - December 11: Winter Concert
- **Treasurer**
 - Financial report: Tammy reported that, after accounting for routine expenses planned for the year, the anticipated year-end balance is just under \$20,000. The operating account currently holds approximately \$18,000, with an additional \$24,000 in the PayPal account (representing revenue only; future expenditures not yet reflected). Upcoming Fun Lunch expenses are estimated at roughly \$19,000.
 - Detailed financials are attached.
- **Special Events**
 - Report on school events – Becky reported on behalf of Kate and Niki
 - Adopt-a-Family program and communication has started. Participants are encouraged to use FlipGive, which provides two earning opportunities
 - The sign-up for the parent-teacher conference potluck has been shared, and families are encouraged to sign up
 - Upcoming events:
 - November 26: Fun Lunch – Subway
 - December 9: Fun Lunch - Panago Pizza
 - Paul Davis safety presentation has been rescheduled to February 19
 - We will likely not have the opportunity for a Stampede breakfast until 2027
 - Grade 9 Farewell will take place at Calway Park; deposit has been made
 - The Silent Disco event is still under consideration and may take place in the new year, pending cost, availability, and interest.
- **Volunteer Coordinator**
 - No update



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4. Council Executive

- Community of School Councils (COSC) <https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/Pages/meetings.aspx>
 - Meeting dates for 2025-2026 school year: January 21, April 8, June 10; Yousaf will attend and report back
- CBE Connections
 - <https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/cbe-connections/Pages/default.aspx>
- New Board of Trustees [link](#); Muhammad will invite our Trustee to attend a meeting in the new year

5. Standing Business

- ASCA School Council Grant – The council may still have \$560 remaining from the 2024-2025 grant to spend, and we also need to determine how to allocate the \$500 provided for 2025-2026. There are specific restrictions on how these funds can be used (details at <https://www.alberta.ca/school-councils>). We'd like to direct any eligible funds toward the Paul Davis parent event in February.

6. New Business

- **Funding request(s):**
 - Winter Activities - Approved reallocating up to \$500 previously designated for Halloween spirit activities (but not spent) toward winter spirit/leadership activities. *Motion by Muhammad; seconded by Juliet; motion passed.*

7. Next meeting of WDP School Council – **January 21, 2026**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

William D Pratt School Council
Statement of Cash Flows by School Year
September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026
As at November 19th, 2025

Balance - September 1, 2025 **\$ 20,218.23**

Net inflows from EVENTS:

Fun Lunch		\$ 21,326.53
Revenue	\$ 24,907.32	
Expenses		
Vendor cost	\$ 2,291.15	
Misc Expenses	\$ 431.49	
Pay Pal Fees	\$ 858.15	
	<u>\$ 3,580.79</u>	<u>\$ 21,326.53</u>

Servery / Drama / Sports		\$ 461.40
Revenue	\$ 880.00	
Expenses		
Food	\$ 407.14	
Square Fees	\$ 11.46	
	<u>\$ 418.60</u>	<u>\$ 461.40</u>

Color Run		\$ 156.37
Revenue	\$ -	
Expenses		
Expenses	\$ (156.37)	
Pay Pal Fees	\$ -	
	<u>\$ (156.37)</u>	<u>\$ 156.37</u>

School Discretionary Emergency Fund		\$ 450.00
Other Revenue	\$ 450.00	
Expenses		
Other Expenses	\$ -	
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 450.00</u>

\$ 22,394.30

Outflows:

Staff Appreciation	\$ 240.47	
School items *	\$ 257.27	
School Council Meeting Expenses	\$ -	
Insurance	\$ -	
Photocopying	\$ -	
Bank Fees	\$ -	
Emergency Fund	\$ -	
Other	\$ -	
		<u>\$ 497.74</u>

Current year net inflows (outflows) **\$ 42,114.79**

Anticipated activity:

Volunteer Incentives / Appreciation	\$	500.00	
Upcoming Fun Lunch Expenses	\$	19,200.41	
Office Wish List Items	\$	274.80	
Halloween Spirit Items - change to Winter	\$	500.00	
Journals - Grade 5/6	\$	500.00	
Staff Appreciation	\$	259.53	
School Council Meeting Expenses	\$	100.00	
Photocopying	\$	100.00	
Bank Fees	\$	60.00	
Grade 9	\$	500.00	
Emergency Fund	\$	500.00	
			\$ 22,494.74

Anticipated Bank Balance**\$ 19,620.05**

* Terry Fox Supplies - Markers + Popsicle Sticks	55.63
* Office Wish List - Air Freshners + Snack Bags	25.20
* Welcome Back Table + Grade 5 Door - Tim Hortons	119.18
* Terry Fox Run Popsicles	57.26