

Parent Advisory Committee AGM September 29, 2026	
Introductions	Staff members: Principal - Valerie Arsenault Vice Principal - Brian Derbyshire Teacher Rep - Erin Moroweic Teacher Support - Nicci Rea
Elections	Chair and Co-Chair - Rebecca Lister and Teena Hartwick Secretary - Kate Alldred Treasurer - Christian Muise Fundraising Coordinator - Colleen Kircher Events Coordinator - Alicia Lefebvre and Chelsea Bolton Environmental Chair - Leilan Baxter Communications Officers - Rachel Pankewich and Alyssa Gates Kinder Reps - Rachel Pankewich, Alyssa Gates, Colleen Kircher, Chelsea Bolton MAL - Shahd, Jackie Waldman, Ashley Addurobi, Maleeha Ghani, Anthony Henry, Julia Higginson, Kay Kenney Johnson, Patti Lane, Cat London, Geneviève Meloche, Isla Milne, Irene Morphy, Tessa Morrison, Patricia Parks, Sarah Paulson, Vincent Perez, Lydia Shepherd. Community Representative - Volunteer Coordinator - Indigenous Rep - If anyone knows community members who would be interested in the above positions, please have them reach out to Val or attend the next Parent Advisory Committee meeting.
Approval of Agenda	Approved
Approval of last month's minutes	To be shared
Business arising from last June's minutes	- Funding for yard equipment bags - to be revisited given the change in recess times - Request for more non-fiction books for the library
Chair's Report	- Kinder shade structure - moving forward - Vendor and structure are approved - total cost is \$40,000 (including installation) 8 x 8 metal structure

	○ Grant for up to \$25,000 - applied for ○ Will use some Bingo funds for it ○ LDSB pays for installation ○ Additional funds exist from the school so that money does not have to be borrowed from the LDSB ○ At this time, the cost could be covered but with the grant we will need to use less money from the school, which leaves more money leftover to be used to support student engagement and achievement ● Can teachers include the unofficial FB group in class emails ○ Cannot go out as a paper flyer ○ Communications group could design an image for this ○ Need to provide teachers with the link to the FB group ○ Val will put the link in the parent council section of the next newsletter ● Can teachers include Fundsript and Flipgive in the emails? - yes ● October meeting next week - October 6th ○ Typically focuses largely on Boo Bash ○ Please bring forward any additional ideas or plans
Principal's Report	● 485 students at the school - up 81 from 2021 ● More classes, more staff ● 6 x kinder classes - 175 students in one hallway - kinder has one teacher, one ECEs ● New staff: Mme Pratt (kinder), Mme Lowry (Gr 1), Mme Blakely (Gr 1), Mme Harrod (5-6) ● 2 x EAs for the school ○ Contact Superintendent Stephanie Sartour and Trustee Joy Morning with suggestions regarding EA ratios ● Mr Derbyshire's time is divided into 0.75 VP time and SST 0.25 ● Mme Bettas is the 1.0 SST - she will be focussing on small groups, working with students - covering until Mme LeCompte returns ● EQAO results - very good

	- Regarding sports events and field trips, many new policies coming down from the ministry and the LDSB - Funding is limited and Boards are struggling - this is reflected in EA availability, and extra-curriculars - when sending teachers for extra-curriculars they need to be replaced with an OT - The school is now allocated a limited amount of money that can be used to pay an OT to cover in these situations - if it costs \$300 to cover an OT, this limits the number of times this can happen - The school has access to some funding that comes from fundraising - hot lunches, yearbooks, donations, - There is no longer money from the Ministry to cover additional EAs for field trips - At this time the cost of activities will not be affected, but in coming years if the school relies on school-generated funding, this may change - The cost of activities and field trips includes transportation and the activity, but not the cost to replace staff yet - busses are expensive - Field trips are planned and organized by teachers
Teachers Report	No news brought forward here.
Events	- Pop Cycle - Used clothing sale pay-what-you-can - this fall it will take place on Saturday, October 24th - Will need volunteers to help set up Friday afternoon (sorting clothes, organizing), Sale runs from 9-3 usually, also need volunteers to take down and transport clothes - Funds from this go to support school programs - ie FoodShare last year \$1700 in the fall and \$2000 in the spring - When using school property on the weekends, the cost of custodial services is covered from the funds - If you are available, reach out to Isla (link) - Boo Bash - Brief description of Boo Bash provided

	○ Rebecca has already reached out for volunteers from KSS - we need parent and high school volunteers - as many as possible ○ Halloween celebration - two nights on the Thursday and Friday before Halloween ○ Usually 17:30-20:30 ○ Dancing and carnival games in the gym, bakesale in the hall (by donation), crafts and activities ○ Suggestion to move the time earlier for kinder participation
Fundraising Report	● FlipGive and Fundscrip (see amounts) ○ FlipGive - Online platforms/apps for purchasing gift cards for day to day items (gas, groceries, etc) - 1% or 2% goes to the school with no extra cost to the user ○ Fundscrip - order physical gift cards - better returns from this at no cost to the user ● Bingo ○ Volunteers needed ○ Walk around the Bingo parlour and earn \$600 per shift ○ Requires training and a Rideau-branded, collared shirt ○ Cat is the lead on this but is looking for some assistance with it ○ Current income from last Jan is \$8956.57 ○ None of the money has been spent yet on the Library because there has been no committee to approve spending ○ Some of the Bingo money will be used on the kinder shade ○ 6 additional volunteers are required ● Library update ○ Cat, Vince, Mme Meyerman are the committee ○ Need assistance to scan books into an app for cataloguing, choosing books, selecting furnishing, merging the HAL library into the main library ○ HAL library previously run by Gr 5-6 student librarians and this year the HAL library will merge with the library and the English books need to be catalogued

	○ October 26th PA day need volunteers to come and catalogue all of the library books ○ Rebecca to check if we will have childcare - will need to vote on the cost of childcare ● Rideau After Dark Dance ○ Early night with canteen suggested ● Meat sticks - fundraising request ● Domino's pizza - will follow-up in October meeting
Treasurer's Report	● Nevada account - \$4700 ● Library \$14,648 ● Starting balance for the school year is \$9000 dedicated to the following: ○ Sewing \$500 ○ Rideau Tribune - \$1250 ○ Archives \$1500 - this will be rolled into the Library, some of this will be earmarked for STEM workshops ○ Student led initiatives - \$2000 ○ Buffer - \$1000 ○ Schoolyard upkeep - \$3000 (for shade) ○ Childcare - \$480 (12 x 40) ○ Teacher re-supply \$4500 - earmarked, usually doesn't come to this amount ○ Parent Engagement Fund - \$500 ● This money includes fundraisers - PopCycle, Boo Bash, FFTF, BBQ ○ We will not be doing FFTF this year ● PRO Grant - needs to look into applying for this ● We are balanced at this time, but it depends on how much is used for each club/event
Env Chair	● Fall bulb planting ● Winter seed start ● Spring plant sale ● Rejuvenate garden fence - may need additional funds from PC for this
Discussion	● Request for a one-page communication of the amount of money available, responsibilities, etc. ○ Will share the end of year report from last year to be designed into a more readable format
Committee Updates	● Establishment of new or existing committees

	○ Anyone can start a new committee or bring forward an idea
Take-Aways	● Revisit yard equipment bags ● Need volunteers for October 26th book cataloguing - can this be communicated in the newsletter and on the FB group? ● Preparation of one-page summary of PAC budget and activities ● Advertisement of unofficial FB group ● Addition of FlipGive and FundScrip info into teacher emails/newsletter ● Send any additions for next week's Agenda
Adjournment and next meeting	October 6, 2026 at 3:45pm