



St. Peter's Junior High School

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SCHOOL COUNCIL Meeting #1 October 28th, 2025 (6:00 PM - 7:00 PM)

Attendance: David Baldwin; Robbie Leaman; Kim Michelau-Jones; Monty Keough; Heather Legge; Crystal Northcott; Crystal Snow; Ian Ruby

Regrets: Deanna Miles

Minutes

1. **Council Meeting Norms:** Discussed Council purpose and norms.
2. **Council Members 2025-2026 Introduction:** Introductions occurred. New members introduced and available on our school website [HERE](#):
3. **Adoption of Agenda (October 28th, 2025):** Adopted by Monty, seconded by Crystal N.
4. **Adoption of Minutes (May 2025):** Adopted and seconded
5. **Why School Councils?:**
 - i. **Role of the Chair Person. Any Member Interested?** – Discussed the role of chair, and invitation extended to parent members. If interested, to e-mail Dave.
6. **Business Arising:**
 - i. School Council Election: Not required as we received interest from an amount adequate for a Council.
 - ii. School Updates this Year So Far (See Below)
 - iii. Staffing – 0.25 FTE position remaining vacant. Difficult to recruit as a position is only for one period each day. Currently filled by substitute teachers. Recruitment continues.
 - iv. Fundraiser Update/ Requests
 - Funds spent on school development and improvement, including Chromebook replacement and repairs.

- 50/50 draw discussion:
 - o Some schools are moving toward digital platforms for ticket selling/purchase and having great success with uptake.
 - o Discussion of paper tickets vs. digital – school board wants to move away from having money on-site, and having teachers count money and tickets. Many people are now selling over social media and text now.
 - o Cost of paper tickets vs. digital platform discussed. Some platforms take a small percentage of fees collected; however, this will likely balance out or result in less admin costs by using digital platforms. Costs associated with paper tickets include printing, human resource time for teachers, as well as higher risks/liability with having large amounts of money on hand.
- Sports Team fundraisers:
 - o Last year's council passed a motion that the office can approve smaller fundraisers valued at \$6000 or less for team needs such as tournament fees, travel to games, equipment.
 - o Any money left at the end of the year is used towards the sports banquet, team equipment, or school improvement.
- **FUNDRAISING GOAL 2025-2026: New retractable electronic screen in gym for assemblies and school events.**

7. New Business

- i. PL November 28th – report card work and School development plan. Presentation by our EAL teacher on ELL learners and Multicultural coach initiatives.
- ii. Remembrance Day Ceremony:
 - Wall of Heroes outside of office with photos of family members/friends serving in armed forces.
 - To submit photos, email Ms. Clancey.
- iii. School Development Update (focus and possible initiatives):
 - Half of PL day on Nov 28 includes working on school development plan
 - Focus: Wellness and positive relationships. Inclusivity and diversity.
 - Will continue with Wellness Wednesday this year.
 - Developing newcomer package for new students coming to school, including peer orientation mentors (involving students)
- iv. Chromebooks and Distribution
 - Almost all students now have Chromebooks. Grade 7's received new

Chromebooks this year. An order has been placed for newly transferred students into school.

- Some students are not taking care of Chromebooks and they are getting damaged. The school district must bear the cost of fixing theseSchool has 30 "loaners", only 5 remaining in office.

v. Halloween Activities

- Pumpkin carving contest occurring on Thursday. Each class participates.
- On Friday pumpkins are placed in the hallway and students enjoy seeing them all.

vi. Grandparents Day December

- We plan to do it again this year – great success last year! Over 200 grandparents attended! A lot of positive feedback.
- Grandparents were invited into school last year for treats and games, live entertainment, spent time with their grandchildren and saw the school.
- Much community involvement with donations, other schools in the area helped support.
- Students enjoyed spending quality time with their grandparents.

vii. Shave for the Brave

- Participating this year for the first time to help raise awareness and show support for our students and families experiencing cancer.
- During spirit week or week before Easter.

viii. Lunch and Learn for New Teachers

- One per month – total of 10 per year.
- Topics vary, helps connect new teachers with experienced teachers and review applications/platforms used regularly in day-to-day roles.
- Coffee, tea, doughnuts included for new staff as they are working through their lunch.
- Going well so far with positive feedback.

ix. Upstream Choices for Youth

- Choices for Youth workers are in the building once per week to assist more vulnerable youth experiencing challenges.
- A new initiative that Choices for Youth wants to offer lunch time programs for vulnerable youth.

8. Discussed Regular Monthly Meeting Days/Dates – Mondays at 6:00 pm are best for most members. Dave will send calendar invites.

9. Meeting Concluded

