

École Discovery Trails Parent Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES
For December 4th, 2025 at École Discovery Trails at 7:30pm

Attendance: Mike Lawson, Nadine Lam, Amy Odusola, Jessica Derksen, Kevin Weins, Theresa Gall

Staff: Samuel Jerema, Jenn Kroetsch

Guests: Mandy Cantelon, Melanie Houe

Regrets: Jen Bates Lagae, Beth Lovell

	Agenda Item What is to be accomplished	Discussion/Decision	Actions/follow-up required and by whom/when
1.	Welcome and call to order	The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mike Lawson	
2.	Adopt agenda Additions or deletions	Additions - None Deletions Agenda and additions were approved	
3.	Minutes of last meeting	MOTION: to approve the minutes of the November 13th, 2025 meeting Minutes approved	
4.	Teacher/ Principle's Report Samuel Jerema	Jenn Kroetsch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projectors will be put in next week - Was sent the wrong one - School is planning to run a movie day on the last week of school - Division has a license to show Copyright movies - Kids will vote and will determine which movies they want to watch. 	
5.	Executive Report	N/A	
6.	Treasurer's Report	Opening Balance: \$42,308.22 Closing Balance: \$8,974.24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Big difference due to COOP gift card funds being withdrawn Outstanding Cheques - \$548.13 Adjusted Balance: \$8,426.11 Play structure account created <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$3360 transferred over - Will need to transfer funds from last year - EDT wants to write PAC a cheque for all the playground funds their student raised. Student Led Conference Staff dinner cost : \$632.93	
7.	Fundraising and Hot Lunch Committee	Fundraising	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was created and linked to bank account - Christmas Concert Raffle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not this year - Revisit it next year <p>Hot Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carts have been ordered and will be put together today. - Will be stored in the Home Ec Lab - November Hot lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Made \$107.82 - Printing cost not included (\$40.00) - Remaining Lunch Subsidy Donations (\$244.00) - Deadlines will be held going forward. No exceptions going forward. <p>December Hot Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forms have all been handed in - Date to be determined for counting cash - Volunteer call out will be sent out 	
8.	Staff Appreciation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student Led Conference Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dinner was well received - Staff really enjoyed it - PAC ordered - We over ordered by 10 pizzas from Boston Pizza - Consider Meal Train if funding becomes an issue - Things we have missed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Custodian Day - Librarian Day <p>Motion to allocate \$1500.00 this year to fund staff appreciation days. Motion [Theresa Gall] ; Seconder [Amy Odusola]</p>	
9.	Playground Committee	<p>Morden Foundation Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mike and Theresa presented on behalf of PAC. - Received \$25,000 <p>Funding Letters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter is already written but requires a few finalizations regarding signage. - Hoping to get this answered sooner than later so we can start handing out letter by January's meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mike to follow up with the school board and EMMS PAC regarding signage.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is an agreement letter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signage regarding the recognition for donors - School board needs to let us know about signage. - EMMS PAC Chair was emailed but didn't get back to us. - 	
9.	Unfinished Business	<p>Munch a lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pro rated for the school year because we are a new school - Will cost \$180.00 for the remaining school year after the initial trial. - Will start the Trial at the end of December so PAC can get used to the program before we launch to the rest of the families. 	
10.	New Business	<p>Morden Foundation Grant Awards Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$25,000 - December 17th, 2025 at 7:00pm - Mike, Theresa and Jess will attend - Would be nice for school administrators to come <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jen and Sam agree to attend <p>Dino Leaders Festive Friday Request</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion made up to \$100 to sponsor Festive Friday - Motion [Theresa Gall]; Second [Amy Odusola] <p>Info night re: split classrooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents have raised the want for education regarding split classrooms - Wanting to know the reasoning, benefits for learning and behaviors - Why are some kids in split classes multiple repeatedly <p>Canadian Parents for French</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hosting bilingual bop - Hitting age group 4-6 with the older kids helping out - Bowling in Winkler - Wanted to know if PAC was hosting dance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dino Leaders are hoping to host dance for grade 7's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Admin to determine how to deliver the education regarding this topic. Might be in a newsletter vs a meeting - Decision will be made in the new year on how this will be presented
11. Adjournment - Mike Lawson adjourned the meeting at 8:42PM			
Next Meeting: Thursday, January 9th, 2025, at 7:00pm in person at École Discovery Trails			