

École Discovery Trails Parent Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES
For January 8th, 2026 at École Discovery Trails at 7:00pm

Attendance: Mike Lawson, Nadine Lam, Amy Odusola, Jessica Derksen, Kevin Weins, Theresa Gall, Jen Bates-Lague

Staff: Samuel Jerema, Jenn Kroetsch

Guests: Mandy Cantelon,

Regrets: Theresa Gall, 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 7:05 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 December 4th,, 2025 meeting Minutes approved	
4.	Teacher/ Principle's Report Samuel Jerema	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The kids had a good return to school. Kids were happy with a bunch of snow and playing with same Split Class Address regarding question from previous meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projections for 2026-2027 (This is a hypothetical situation of what could happen for next year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anticipate 80 new kindergarten kids and an additional grade - On the English program alone, this will require 9.5 teachers (10 classrooms) - Only 10.5 teachers were assigned to the school for the English program - 9.5 teachers are currently being used in classrooms and 1 in resource - Next year, we will be adding a whole new grade and not adding any more teachers. - There are no planned split classes for next year but there will be larger class sizes. - French Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If every classroom had approx. 20 kids, we would require 20.5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If parents have further questions, they will be directed to Sam and Jenn.

		<p>teachers but the school needs to bring the numbers down to 17.5 teachers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With the number of kids, there might be a need to have split classes because the numbers of kids per grade aren't even. (I.e. Gr 4 has 16 and grade 5 has 25. Would you not want to split the kids up in order to get smaller classrooms in order for them to thrive?) - The school only has 25 classrooms and they are all in use without taking over other spaces currently being used for other purposes (music room, home ec lab, library, multipurpose room, etc.) - Other things that need to be thought about are the safety of the kids and staff and where they are situated in the building - Not everything is going to be ideal for everyone but the decisions being made by the school have the benefit of the school as a whole. - 	
5.	Executive Report	N/A	
6.	Treasurer's Report	<p>Opening Balance: \$8974.24 Closing Balance: \$10842.96 Adjusted Balance after outstanding cheques: \$10,460.82</p> <p>Motion to move \$1718.78 to the Play Structure savings account from last school year's samosa fundraiser. [Motion: Kevin] [2nd: Nadine][Carried]</p>	
7.	Fundraising and Hot Lunch Committee	<p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting will have to happen to figure out strategies for Spent Brothers 	

		<p>fundraiser for February</p> <p>Hot Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make up date from December 2025 is happening next Thursday, January 15th, 2026 - Veggies will be prepped the day before - Still needing volunteers and can reach out Dino leaders to help. 	
8.	Staff Appreciation Committee	<p>Gifts were given to custodian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Handwarmers, chocolate and card <p>Gifts were given to Librarians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orange themed 	
9.	Playground Committee	<p>Signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School board is OK with us doing signage - Will need to be able to put these up - Maverick Signs willing to help - Dinosaur plaques <p>Letter is complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet sooner than letter <p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canada Post available in February 2026 - COOP due end of March 2026 <p>Morden Foundation Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Playstructure committee to go through the grant and ensure all stipulations met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nadine to set a reminder for all the grant due dates
9.	Unfinished Business	<p>Munch a lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group to meet after meeting to finish setups - Hoping to launch by Monday <p>Morden Foundation Grant Awards Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cancelled due to weather - No further dates announced 	
10.	New Business	<p>I Love To Read Grant Request</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asking PAC to sponsor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pizza Lunch for the winning class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asking for assistance to run the pizza lunch - Popcorn from Coop for Bronze - Prizes for two gift baskets for completing Reading Olympics Booklet 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asking for assistance to organize the baskets - Invisible Light up Pen for the first 100 kids - Totalling close to \$1000.00 <p>Motion to allot \$1000.00 towards I Love to Read Month rewards for the students. [Motion: Nadine L.] [2nd: Jessica D.] [Carried]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideally to have pizza lunch - PAC to reach out to other organizations for sponsorship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nadine to reach out to COOP, Giant Tiger to see if they can sponsor some of the treats and juice boxes
11. Adjournment - Mike Lawson adjourned the meeting at 8:PM			
Next Meeting: Thursday, February 12th, 2025, at 7:00pm in person at École Discovery Trails			