

**École Discovery Trails Parent Advisory Council**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**For October 9, 2025 at École Discovery Trails at 7:00pm**

Attendance: Mike Lawson, Jen Bates Lagae, Beth Lovell, Theresa Gall, Nadine Lam, Amy Odusola, Cassie Brillinger,  
Opeyemi Shokunbi, Jessica Derksen, Kevin Weins

Staff: Samuel Jerema, Jennifer Kroetsch

Guests: Ana Laura Peters, Mandy Cantelon, Jazymn Strydom, Kari Unger

Regrets: N/A

	<b>Agenda Item</b> What is to be accomplished	<b>Discussion/Decision</b>	<b>Actions/follow-up required and by whom/when</b>
1.	<b>Welcome and call to order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mike Lawson	
2.	<b>Adopt agenda</b> Additions or deletions	<b>Additions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Dance</b></li> <li>- <b>Lunch</b></li> <li>- <b>December Meeting</b></li> </ul> <b>Deletions</b>  <b>Agenda and additions were approved</b>	
3.	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2025 meeting  Minutes approved	
4.	<b>Teacher/ Principle's Report</b> <b>Samuel Jerema</b>	Literacy and Numeracy Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continuous improvement plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 31 teachers</li> <li>- 1.9 Counsellors</li> <li>- 3.3 Resource teachers</li> <li>- 0.5 Reading recovery teacher</li> <li>- 22 Educational Assistance</li> </ul> </li> <li>- School has grown by 19 students from K to 6</li> <li>- We gained 29 English class and 40 French Grade 7 students</li> <li>- 44% of students has English as an Additional Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 Teacher teaching Grades 1-7 English to all EAL students</li> <li>- This year there are 2 EA's assisting with the programming in the mornings</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Teachers were missing opportunities to do professional learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School has come up with a way to support these teachers when they need replacement</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Goal is to have 65% of students in all grade levels show deep conceptual understanding of number sense and English Language Arts</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Most realistic goal to be met for all teachers</li> <li>- Literacy Committee would like to present all this data and how to help students at home at the next PAC meeting             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Might be best to have report cards first so parents are more willing to attend and attend to obtain tips on how to help their children</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
5.	<b>Executive Report</b>            <b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>There are multiple WhatsApp groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General Group</li> <li>- Executive Group</li> <li>- Fundraising Group</li> <li>- Playground</li> </ul> <p>If anyone wants to be part of any of these groups, please reach out.</p> <p>Current Bank Account Balance: \$8958.00</p>	
6.	<b>Fundraising Committee</b>	<p>Coop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Email to be sent</li> <li>- Due date is October 22nd, 2025</li> <li>- Etransfers are being accepted</li> </ul> <p>Do we consider adding a separate email for fundraisers, pizzas, etc.</p> <p>Bothwell cheese - Planning to do before Christmas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plan to have forms printed mid November for pick up early December</li> </ul> <p>Peak of the Market - ??</p> <p>Spenst Brother - to be determined early spring</p> <p>The Fundraising Committee will set their own date and meet to discuss details of fundraisers and staff appreciation.</p> <p>Morden Area Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Asked for \$25,000</li> <li>- Needs to built within the a year</li> <li>- Would we meet the timeline?</li> <li>- We would need to talk to the supplier but it should work within a year</li> </ul>	
6..	<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<p>Microsoft Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would need a Microphone and Camera             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yeti Mic</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Do you we need to try a different option and see if WhatsApp call can work</li> <li>- Challenge would be the microphone and the sensitivity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mike to look into same and how to make it work</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do we have enough people interested to even proceed</li> </ul> <p>PAC Sponsorship forms - teachers now have a form to complete and submit same to office or email</p> <p>Dance - Dino leaders would be interested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dance would be for grade 7 dance</li> <li>- Would like PAC to assist with same</li> <li>- Discussion needs to happen between Dino Leaders about what</li> </ul> <p>Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Subway lunch in November</li> <li>- Juice boxes will be offered along side with milk</li> <li>- November 12th and 13th potential date</li> <li>- Split by classroom</li> </ul> <p>December Meeting (Christmas Concert)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moved to December 4th, 2025 at 7:00pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opeyemi to look into making form a Google form or something easier for the teachers to fill out online versus having to print out a form</li> <li>- Samuel to speak with Literacy Committee about presenting on December 4th from 6:30 - 7:30pm and PAC to have a quick meeting from 7:30pm to 8pm</li> </ul>
7.	<b>New Business</b>	<p>Opt out of PAC email list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would be easier for PAC to send the email to the school and the school will send it out to all the parents</li> </ul> <p>Pancake Breakfast on October 22nd, 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start time 8:15-8:20am</li> <li>- Samuel has enough volunteers</li> </ul> <p>Pancake Breakfast for Christmas??</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would this be something to do during Spirit Week</li> <li>- Volunteers can come October 22nd, 2025</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To revisit next meeting to figure out Logistics</li> </ul>
<b>8. Adjournment</b> - Mike Lawson adjourned the meeting at 8:25PM			
Next Meeting: Thursday, November 13th, 2025, at 7:00pm in person at École Discovery Trails			