

Meeting Minutes
Sir Winston Churchill Parent Association Society
Sir Winston Churchill School Council

Wednesday May 7 @ 6:30 pm
In person at SWC School Library

PARENT ASSOCIATION SOCIETY MEETING

Attendance: Badru Laiwalla, Windchill Ha, Taryn Conley, Tracy Xu, Jennifer Jones, James Yang, U.T. Sundararaj, GeMan Chen, Karen Chan, Monica Rodriguez-Gabez

1. Welcome meeting called to order by Badru Laiwalla at 6:38 pm
2. Approval of agenda and any new business to add

Item 8A from school council meeting moved to the parent association meeting Item 7 – the expense will be from Casino funds and thus, needs to be approved in this meeting.

Motion to approve agenda: Jennifer Jones
Seconded: GeMan Chen
All in favor, motion carried.
No new business

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: [March 5, 2025](#)

Motion to accept minutes as presented: James Ying
Seconded: Tracy Xu
All in favor, motion carried

4. Treasurer's Report: Ying Wang (absent) Badru Laiwalla to present

April 30th, 2025 closing balance: \$43,216.66

Band program remaining funds: \$20,704.37

General remaining funds: \$ 22,512.29 (approx. \$7500 is spoken for athletic jerseys, cheque has not been written yet)

Will follow up with band parent's association to refine process to ensure the band parents are obtaining approval from School Parent Association and accessing the funds from the casino; i.e. the use of these funds need be voted on in the parent association meeting

5. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept treasurer's report as presented: U.T. Sundararaj

Seconded: James Yang
All in favor, motion carried.

6. Casino/Fundraising Chair's Report: Windchill Ha

March Casino Recap: event was held March 16&17 at Elbow River Casino, 36 volunteers were needed for this event, band parents filled 10 of the volunteer spots. A SignUp genius is used for volunteer signups. The SignUp genius needs to be monitored regularly as we get closer to the casino date, as people schedules change. A big thank you to all the volunteers – we can't do this fundraiser with you! \$62.50 was received in tips for the volunteers, sometimes we have to rely on these tips to cover overages. At times we have gone over our food allotment, as the lounge fridge is left unlocked. Council is responsible for paying this overage, we can use the tip money to cover this. Volunteers are given \$25 for food and drink when volunteering. Volunteers need to be made aware of this prior to their shift. A suggestion is made that the chair of the casino take the last GM shift of the night so that the casino binder is handed off to the chair. A suggestion was made that emails that council is sending to the parents can these also be sent to the students through D2L so that students are also aware of what council is doing, what the casino funds can purchase and so the students can share with their parents. We had our very first SWC student volunteer (they were of legal age) work at this casino! We should know by end of June how much money was raised. A request has been put in for the next casino. Windchill is making a tips and tricks document for the next casino chair, this will be in the shared Google drive. There are physical binders of the reports from the end of the casino (must keep the reports for 3 years), please ask Tammy in the office for access to these binders.

7. New business:

Motion to approve \$2,981.16 for Phys Ed Life Jackets. These will last for 10 years.

Motion to approve: Jennifer Jones

Seconded by: Tracy Xu

All in favor, motion carried.

8. Adjournment, meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Attendance: Badru Laiwalla, Windchill Ha, Taryn Conley, Tracy Xu, Jennifer Jones, James Yang, U.T. Sundararaj, GeMan Chen, Karen Chan, Monica Rodriguez-Gabez

1. Meeting called to order by Badru Laiwalla at 7:20 pm

2. Approval of the agenda and any new business to add

Remove point 8A from this meeting, as it was discussed in the parent association meeting

Motion to approve agenda: U.T. Sundararaj

Seconded: Windchill Ha

All in favor, motion carried.

No new business

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: [March 5, 2025](#)

Motion to accept minutes as presented: Jennifer Jones

Seconded: James Yang

All in favor, motion carried

4. Teacher's Report: No report

5. Student's Report: Timmy Odonuga

Student election happened for grade 12's at the same time at the election.

Twin day was May 6, 2025.

Graduation is May 30. Prom is June 6. Payments are now due. Grad committee will be celebrating grad May 12-15 with a photo booth in foyer, voting for students (most likely to become president, etc.).

Mid Summers Night Dream is the theme of graduation. This movie will be shown in the foyer.

Track and field, boys' soccer and rugby are started. Band Spring concert will be held next week.

6. Principal's Report: Ms. Karen Chen, Assistant Principal (Mr. Rajan sends his regrets as

Mr. Rajan is currently interviewing a new assistant principal for the school).

Projections are down again for SWC for the Fall (projected for 150 less students from this year). 7 positions have to be surplussed, some of this will happen with retirements. Teachers are being asked to stretch and be flexible with what they are teaching in the Fall. A new program is being added in the Fall, Digital Technologies. Students can join this program from out of area, however they must commit to this program for all 3 years.

CSSI (communication sensory social interaction) program – up to 6 students will be in this program next year. A sensory space will be created for these students.

Graduation ceremony will be May 30, 2025 and 708 graduates are expected at the U of C Jack Simpson gym. Tickets are not needed for the ceremony.
Prom is June 6 at the Westin hotel with snacks and a dance. 260 tickets have been sold so far, hopeful that 500 tickets will be sold.
Indigenous graduates (10) have been invited to a grad ceremony on May 30 in the afternoon.

7. Treasurer's Report: Ying Wang (absent) presented by Badru Laiwalla
April 30th, 2025 closing balance: \$3,796.45

8. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
Motion to accept treasurer's report as presented: U.T Sundararaj
Seconded: Monica Rodriguez-Gabez
All in favor, motion carried.

9. President's Report: Badru Laiwalla
Motion to approve \$2,000/- for Staff Luncheon on [June 25](#), 2025 by Meat Mi Here Catering (Chinese BBQ) 113 -120 staff
Motion to approve: James Yang
Seconded by: GeMan Chen
All in favor, motion carried.

Windchill thank you so much for the hard work on the casino, we appreciate your hard work.

10. Key Communicator's Report – Shahid Salem absent, report sent via email, reported by GeMan Chen

The meeting was held on [April 23](#). Here are few updates:

This was the last COSC meeting of the year. COSC dates for 2025-26 will be announced by the new board of trustees in early November

1. Overall the provincial budget has increased from last year
2. CBE is receiving an additional \$55 million as compared to 2024-25
3. Every cent of provincial funding support students
4. For 1 dollar of funding:
 - 74 cents direct to schools
 - 6 cents central supports for school
 - 14 cents operations and maintenance
 - 3 cents transportation
 - 3 cents system administration
5. Budget 2025-2026 does provide the funding necessary for a growing school district
6. Annual funding not keeping pace with enrollment rising costs inflation

7. Enrolment has grown by 20,000 students since 2020-21
8. School construction status: 1 under construction, 14 schools approved for planning design or construction. 16 additional schools have been requested
9. Upcoming Municipal election [Monday Oct 20, 2025](#)

For more details, please watch the video.

[Community of School Councils Meeting Video](#)

ASCA Notes

1. 129 attendees attended the morning session, and by the end of the day, there were 117 attendees.
2. P25-01 was defeated with 64.42% opposition. 104 votes were cast, 37 in favor and 67 in opposition.
3. P25-02 was defeated as well
4. P25-03 was defeated with 96 votes cast. 43 in favour and 53 in opposition

Voting on behalf of SWC for ASCA posted 5 Resolutions passed in [March 5, 2025](#)
SWCSC Meeting

11. New business:

1. Would council like the template to track the funding requests from the school? Windchill will share it.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by: James Yang

Seconded by: Jennifer Jones

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

NEXT MEETING: In Person – Library [Wednesday, September 24, 2025 @ 6:30 pm](#)