



Alexander School Parent Council

September 8, 2025

Present: Lindsay Filewich, Richelle Treloar, Heather Thomas, Kerri Wheaton, Justin Wheaton, Lacey Lavallee, Marnie Loewen, Reagan Bromley, Michelle McFarlin, Darla Roy, Julia Teichroeb, Karissa ?

Regrets:

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by President Richelle Treloar.
2. Minutes from June 9, 2025 meeting read by Kerri Wheaton

Motion	To accept the minutes as presented.		
Move	Second	Opposed	Status
Lacey Lavallee	Heather Thomas	None	Carried

3. Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balances:
PC Account: \$12,759.67
Canteen Account: \$1,316.68

The parent council discusses the need for a new laptop for the treasurer position. The laptop we have currently is over 5 years old, running extremely slow and can not be updated because there are no new updates available. To run reports it is taking over 30 minutes. Andrea at Geekz computers has quoted us approximately \$500 for a refurbished one that she can give us a guarantee and continued service on. She would be able to transfer our Quickbooks (not web-based) and all of our files.

The parent council discusses the quickbooks situation. Currently we are not paying for quickbooks. If we were to go to a web based plan we would have to pay an annual fee of approximately \$1000. The parent council discusses using Excel. A qualified bookkeeper could use it with ease but if a regular parent were to step into the treasurer position it could prove difficult. It is decided to stick with our free use of Quickbooks.

Motion	To spend up to \$500 on a refurbished laptop at Geekz Computers		
Move	Second	Opposed	Status
Richelle Treloar	Heather Thomas	Reagan Bromley	Carried

Motion	To accept the treasurer's report as presented.		
Move	Second	Opposed	Status
Richelle Treloar	Heather Thomas	None	Carried

4. a) The Parent Council discusses the installation of the shade structure. The installation has been completed. There was an issue with Playgrounds R Us during installation. They offered a \$3000 refund and a promise for 2 Jets tickets to raffle off and we have yet to receive it. Richelle will call and remind them.

b) Kelly Crosson has not billed the Parent Council as of September 10, 2025. He provided a Bobcat and 12 hours of labour. It is suggested to make a large card for Kelly with a picture of the school, staff and students on the front and signatures on the inside to thank him for all the work he has done voluntarily over the years.

c) The cost of concrete was over by \$71.70. Richelle paid out of pocket for that expense.

Motion	To reimburse Richelle Treloar \$71.70 for cement		
Move	Second	Opposed	Status
Heather Thomas	Lacey Lavallee	None	Carried

e) The Parent Council discusses picnic tables for the shade structure. Wooden ones are \$86 at Home Depot but there are concerns about quality and upkeep of them with heavy use. There is also the option of getting green ones like those by the garden beds. That option would cost more but may be better long term. The Parent council will revisit the picnic conversation and keep an eye open for sales. We will move a couple of the round ones from the garden area to the shade structure for the meantime.

5. The Parent council discusses the Back to School BBQ. The BBQ will be held from 3:30 to 6PM. Current volunteers are Richelle, Lacey, Julia and Michelle (Tentative). The Parent Council will create a facebook post looking for more volunteers.

Supplies needed:

- Tinfoil wrappers (Amazon, pkg of 1000)
- Hot dog and Hamburger Buns (Sobey's is offering a \$1.75 discount; Walmart is 2 pkg for \$5)
- Hotdogs (ask East 40 and GT for discount or donation; Walmart 24 for \$5)
- Juice boxes (Walmart is cheaper than Costco; Richelle to pick up)
- Chips (Check Old dutch & walmart prices)
- Pop (Ice tea and Coke were big sellers last year)

Motion	To spend \$56 on Tinfoil wrappers on Amazon		
Move	Second	Opposed	Status
Justin Wheaton	Lacey Lavallee	None	Carried

Motion	To spend up to \$650 on the Back to school BBQ		
Move	Second	Opposed	Status
Richelle Treloar	Michelle McFarlin	None	Carried

6. The Parent Council discusses fundraising ideas for the upcoming year

Brothwell Cheese & Perogies from a Winnipeg vendor - Rita willing to take lead and Julia willing to help.

Gift Cards - Uses an online platform (website or QR code), physical cards are sent to the school E cards are provided by some vendors and available immediately. This fundraiser can remain in the background as a passive income. Darla and Heather are willing to take the lead.

Richie Bros Meat sticks and Jerky - Marnie reached out to them prior. Their pepperettes were a hit at the Winter Festival. Reagan will also contact them.

Henry Meats - Children in family come to our school, maybe they'd be willing to help set up a fundraiser

Raffle a date night for a couple

Provide in school Babysitting/ Daycare for one night where parents can pay for a set amount of time to go have a date night.

7. The Parent Council discusses hot lunches. The parent council discusses doing a Parent Council lunch once every other month or one a month. Richelle is willing to help Jody plan. Julia offers to pick up lunches in Brandon if need be.

8. Principals Report read by Lindsay Filewich.

Mr. Weber is looking to get an inflatable Gaga pit for the school. He has priced one out for approximately \$3500 and is working on finding some grants. He may be asking the Parent Council to contribute in the future. Lacey asks if Mr. Weber is flexible on type because she can ask Ty if we could get a similar one for a better price.

Every year the Parent Council helps purchase grad hoodies for grade 8's who will not be able to afford the cost of a hoodie. Lindsay estimates 3-5 hoodies will need to be purchased this year.

Two support staff have left our school over the summer. The Parent Council discusses purchasing gift cards for those staff. In the past we have done \$25 for each year of service up to \$100. The Parent Council decides to revisit the purchasing of gift cards at next month's meeting.

9. Next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 PM