



GREEN ACRES PARENT COUNCIL & LUNCH PROGRAM MEETING

Monday May 12, 2025 – 6:30pm, **in person** - schools front foyer (online available)

In Attendance: Kristina Vander Meer, Lawana Spratt, Shayna Dubnik, Ceyla Byers, Mrs. Warwaruk, Whitney Sharkey, Tia Lange, Brandi Palmer, Pam Wilson

GAPC AGENDA

1. Call meeting to Order- 6:34pm
2. Present May 12, 2025, agenda, any additions/corrections – Motion to approve Kristina and seconded by Brandi
3. Present April 14, 2025, Minutes, any additions/corrections – Motion to approve Kristina and seconded by Lawana
4. **Principal's Report** – Mrs. Warwaruk



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Event highlights from report. Practicing emergency drills at the school recently. Setting record times for drill. May 29th is carnival and bbq. Inside the arena will have stations inside. Must confirm with this with Jen at Community Centre. On June 23rd there is a powwow and feast and there is 5 different indigenous stations for k-8 groupings. Builds leadership and they will rotate 15 to 20 mins. Letter to be sent home. It is free and funded. Stew and buns etc will be served. Track and field, we are asking parents to transport. Lots of field trips in June. Parent council gave \$300 per classroom to support the students to attend field trips. School is funding one bus per classroom/ grade level group. What is the price of a bus? \$120 in town. How is the gator room working out? It's going great. Gender neutral bathroom is good as well.

5. **Lunch Program Report** – Kristina & Nicole



May 2025 Lunch
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June 9th is the date for lunch program registration. On the website under the lunch program tab. Can the tab be erased and that letter be attached? Mrs. W will ask Mrs. Bortis about that. Parent concern shared during meeting- School of choice students are not included and can't get kid home at lunch time. It's an issue because parent doesn't have a lunch hour. There is not enough time to pick up kid at lunch. This was a guarantee and now there is no option. Pester someone in the neighbourhood as a solution. Maryland has this problem. They are lunch program ambassadors that

can stay for lunch. Extreme issues trying to staff the lunch program. Suggestion that grade 7 or 8 Children are given 10 minutes to eat and then sponsor the lunch program by giving their time. Helps the staffing problem. Maryland was built as a stay at school for lunch. There is no choice at Maryland. Green Acres and the Brandon School division indicates that bussed in students are to stay but it is up to lunch program, and it is up to lunch program to decide if we will keep school of choice children. There are 3 lunch hour staff for each 30 minutes. 4 hours of school division time. Some of those EA's are providing care for one-to-one care. What if we just had the school of choice. French emersion can be bussed but not regular school. Solely based on staffing. There is one adult for every 25 students. We have 156 students. The option was on the table to let 7 and 8's stay but Mrs. W said, "hard no". Mrs. W said she rescinded after that meeting. Maryland said they are putting in a parent council and they are setting up a lunch program. If the 7and 8's are at the school they require supervision. Staffing issues because no one wants to work for \$25 and 1 hour and lunch. We don't want money we need the people to volunteer. BSD 7 and 8 bus students are staying. The school need more EA's but there no other options. There is 3 one to one and 1 general. We brought up the discussion for 7 and 8's to be unsupervised and it was kyboshed at our last meeting by leadership. Can these kids take their babysitting courses and parents sign a waiver to attend the lunch program? Next school year our numbers are limited. What ranks these kids higher than kinder kids who haven't established relationships? If there is enough supervision to reach a specific number. These students can't be put above a 5- or 6-year-old. The big question is will BSD allow grade 7 and 8's. A resume and cover letter, and interview was suggested with the principal. Parent council can't make the decision about this, and BSD needs to decide if the older kids can stay. Is it possible that these older kids can be paid to supervise? Can a 7 and 8 kid handle 20 kids in a room alone? These students would have to toe the line. One supervisor bounce from classroom to classroom currently. Mrs. W will look into this to have the 1 to 25 ratio per room. Brandi agrees with putting them in a responsible role. If they are given a chance. Mrs. W will investigate this and determine if the school and herself is responsible for those children. If the school can work out a program for those kids to stay then it's great!

Action: Mrs. W will approach school division about this issue. Job ads will be created and will look at hiring again.

6. **Financial reports- Brandi**



Lunch Program
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Parent Council
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- a. **Lunch Program Financial Report to date** – Motion to approve by Ceyla and seconded by Nicole.
- b. **Parent Council Financial Report to date** – Motion to approve by Ceyla and seconded by Kristina. Motion to approve \$5000 from chequing account to pay for playground equipment approved by Ceyla and seconded by Kristina.

- c. **Cheques to be signed for future events-** The playground fund cheque will be written. 1 piece is being purchased for around \$10,000

Sunrise Credit Union has made it so every etransfer needs approved by a second person. Brandi unable to get into lunch program financials recently.

A couple months' worth of wages will be kept in the bank account but the extra money will be spent on free lunches. The division purchased blue vests so the lunch program supervisors had to as well. Bank accounts are simple right now.

7. **Fundraiser Report and Planning – Lawana**

Domino's pizza "Dough Raiser" was a great success.

Everything is coming along for the bbq. Are we selling 50/50 at the community bbq? Decision is no. It's too confusing.

11. **Round Table**

We may need 9 to 10 people or even 12 for volunteers for the bbq. Band concert is the same evening.

Rain day plan- come inside to the gym. Jen is sending over a contract for the rink rental.

12. **AGM**

a. **Welcome and Introductions-**

b. **Present Constitution**

c. **Presentation of financial statements for lunch program and Parent Council accounts – See above**

d. **Bank signors for Parent Council account** - Motion to leave Brandi and Lawana on cheque writing authority. Add a third signer, Ceyla. Remove anyone else but these 3 people.

e. **Bank signors for Lunch Program account** - Brandi, Kristina and Mrs. W can remain on the authority for cheque signing.

f. **Elections:**

i. President – Ceyla Byers (accepted nomination)

ii. Vice President – Shayna Dubnik (accepted nomination)

Run community events like bbq and dance with president

iii. Secretary - Tia Lange (accepted nomination)

iv. Treasurer - Brandi Palmer (accepted nomination)

v. Fundraising Chair - Lawana Spratt (accepted nomination)

Non-community events and fundraisers

vi. Lunch Program Chair - Kristina Vander Meer (accepted nomination)

vii. Final all in favor of all elected board positions – all in favour

viii. Brandi nominated member at large position- Whitney Sharkey

Brandi made the motion to approve the nominations and all in favour. Welcome Whitney and Congrats to the new board!

g. Brandi will shadow Lawana with intent to take fundraising position in 2 years.

Tabled: we need to look for a lunch coordinator, lunch program chair and treasurer

13. **Call Meeting to a close- 8:13pm**

In camera session if required

Next Meeting – June 17, 2025