



Linden Lanes Parent Council

Minutes

January 12, 2026

Attendance: Shelley Cords, Melissa Allen, Niomie Cummings, Deanna Clark, Danika Banman, Ibiwangi Afabor, Sarah Strickland

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. **Call to order** @ 6:32 pm by *Melissa Allen*
3. Review of minutes from November 10th, 2025 - *Niomie Cummings*
 - Motion: *Danika Banman*
 - Second: *Deanna Clark*
4. Report from the School - *Principal Cords*
 - Happy New Year to everyone!
 - Parent Council read and discussed the Brandon School Division budgetary Memorandum. It was concluded from this discussion that student to teacher ratio and professional and support staff remain one of the key areas to increase support. Mrs. Cords will pass along our findings to the Brandon School Division board.
 - Controlled Access at Linden Lanes will be implemented by the end of this school year, as is the newly adopted standard within all school in the division. This means that outside doors will be locked 24/7 with an buzzer and/or intercom for access.
 - December brought lots of great school spirit! Students and staff participated in a variety of spirit days and enjoyed a wonderful Holiday Concert. Jimmy the Christmas Bear spent a day in each classroom from K – 8 and brought with him a new game for the classroom and candy canes for each student. The theme for December was "Kindness".
 - High School registration, open houses, Parent Night and the K to 8 registration will begin in February. Please stay tuned for more details.
 - Wednesday, January 14th, 2026, Kindergarten Parent Night at Betty Gibson School.
 - Wednesday, February 4th, 2026 Val Caldwell will be at the school talking with students from grades 4 to 8 on internet safety. A parent evening with Val will take place the same evening at 6:30pm.
 - Basketball has started and the grade 7/8 ski trip is planned for January 29th, along with the grade 8 Skills Day.
 - We have Elders and Knowledge Keepers coming to work with students – a story teller and beading will be the January focus.



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- Motion: *Niomie Cummings*
- Second: *Danika Banman*

5. Treasury Report – *No report presented*

6. Old Business:

- Pizza Days – we raised \$142 and \$87 for the two pizza days we held in December. The Doughriser that we ran on the Holiday Concert night brought in \$324 in profit.
- Vista Card Fundraiser – we had a fantastic response this year to the fundraiser!
 - Vista Cards total orders: \$33,510.50 with a profit of \$1,324.50
 - Our Local vendor orders totalled \$6,180 with a profit of \$977.
 - We discussed that next year we would like to make an effort to attain more local vendors
- Hot Lunch Committee – Munch-A-Lunch
 - Amber has the website set up and the are currently in the process of securing vendors (McDonalds, Montanas, Subway)
 - The committee is still searching for volunteers to receive, sort and distribute lunches between 11:15 and 11:45.
 - Allergies have been taken into account
 - Students who go home for lunch need to take their order home with them and the food will be packaged accordingly
 - We are hopeful that the program will be up and running in the next few weeks.
 - Munch-A-Lunch will be available to order for every second Friday to start. Amber is getting the letter ready to send home with students.
 - Received invoice \$258.72 including taxes
 - Motion to approve: *Deanna Clark*
 - Second: *Danika Banman*

7. New Business:

- Community Building Plan for the Year:
 - Valentines Day Family Dance
 - Thursday, February 12th from 6-8pm
 - Ticket price: \$5 per person (pre-purchased)



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- Niomie will prepare the letter to send home with a tear strip to return with the money and a request for Rainbow Auction items. Due back Monday, February 9th.
- Last year we raised just over \$2,000
- Niomie will contact Crave Corner to request the popcorn again this year, Melissa will get candy and balloons from Dollarama and request water from Co-op
- Rainbow Auction tickets – there are enough left over from last year in the LLPC Rubbermaid container.
- We have booked DJ Joey again this year!
 - \$420 incl tax (invoice given)
 - Motion to approve: *Niomie Cummings*
 - Second: *Danika Banman*
- Year End Pizza Party / Dominos Doughriser
 - We can look more at the date closer to the end of the year
 - Dominos has suggested that we do another Doughriser in March as well, so Melissa will contact them to see which date works for them, as we did not have a preference.
- We had discussed at the last meeting that we wanted to hear from the teachers what they may like to fundraise for. Mrs. Cords put forth a request for a “Communication Board” to be added to the playground. This is a tool for non-verbal students to help them communicate with their friends and staff. See below for a similar example. The cost of this is \$7,579.85.





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8. Community Concerns / Questions:

- We briefly discussed the previous suggestion to contact the City of Brandon regarding the possibility of getting the back lane changed to a one-way flow. This is something that will be tabled until next meeting.
- As always, we welcome any questions or concerns from our community of families and encourage you to reach out to our email: LindenLanes.PAC@gmail.com

Adjournment @ 7:40pm by *Melissa Allen*

- Motion: *Melissa Allen*
- Second: *Niomie Cummings*

Next Meeting Date: Monday, February 9th, 2026 @ 6:30pm (Safe Schools Advisory Council meeting will be first). Most of the meeting will be spent readying for the Valentines Day Dance.