



Alexander School Parent Council

September 2, 2026 at 7 p.m.

Present: Lindsay Filewich, Richelle Treloar, Julia Teichroeb, Marnie Loewen, Lacey Lavalee, Michelle McFarlin, Kelsey Brown

Joining virtually: None

Regrets: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President, Richelle Treloar.
2. The minutes from the June 8, 2026, meeting were read by Michelle McFarlin.

Motion	To approve June 8, 2026 minutes.			
Move	Second	In Favor	Opposed	Status
L. Lavalee	J. Teichroeb	7	0	Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report:
Bank Balances:
PC Account: \$11,631.96
Canteen Account: \$486.68

The Treasurer noted some outstanding cheques that need to be cleared (end of school year, canteen and teacher gift cheques). L. Filewich to remind teachers next week.

Motion	To accept the Treasurer's report as presented.			
Move	Second	In Favor	Opposed	Status
J. Teichroeb	M. Loewen	7	0	Carried.

4. Fundraising:
L. Filewich confirmed that there is no longer a requirement for her to provide a yearly fundraising plan to the school division, but instead, she is required to complete a monthly report and indicate a purpose for each fundraising opportunity (i.e. playground).

R. Treloar reported that some parents have suggested a switch up from the usual fundraising (East 40, Make it Sow, Mum's Pantry and New Bothwell Cheese). Other fundraising suggestions included: New Bothwell Cheese & partner meat company, Sobeys gifts cards, Santa's workshop (students could select family Christmas gifts (donated items) at a low cost), in school babysitting for parents to go and have a date night, Leadership class fundraiser (Ms. Swaenepoel).

Due to a lack of volunteers, Parent Council discussed the possibility of reducing the number of fundraisers and community events for the upcoming academic year. Additionally, the December fundraiser pick up date needs to be earlier in December, so there are no conflicts with the Christmas concert. Fundraising options will be confirmed at a future meeting.

5. Shade Structure:

Parent Council discussed the type of base needed for the existing shade structure (suggestions included sand, cement pavers, pea gravel, wood chips), as well as different seating options as the picnic tables are not ideal (suggestions included boulders, tree stumps, and the need for adjustable seating). It was discussed that any seating options need to be heavy enough so that they cannot be removed from the property but should also allow for adjustable seating arrangements.

It was agreed that further brainstorming is required, and this item will be tabled for now. A completion date for this project was set for June 2027.

6. Val Caldwell Presentation:

Val Caldwell will be providing her technology presentation on Wednesday, September 9th (first day of school). L. Filewich agreed to arrange a childcare option for parents and Kelsey Brown will have one of her classes make a card to present to Val as a thank you.

7. Back to School BBQ:

The Parent Council back-to-school BBQ has been planned for Friday, September 18th between 4-6 p.m. Parent Council agreed on a \$200 float and up to \$750 for food purchases (up from \$650 last year).

R. Treloar asked for volunteers for overall volunteer coordination and/or grocery purchasing/pick-up. M. McFarlin offered to assist R. Treloar with grocery purchasing/pickup.

It was suggested that Old Dutch and Pepsi (M. McFarlin) be contacted about the possibility of donations.

Motion:	To spend up to \$750 on food for the back-to-school BBQ			
Move	Second	In Favor	Opposed	Status
L. Lavallee	J. Teichroeb	7	0	Carried

8. Sound System Proposal (Kelsey Brown)

K. Brown provided a sound system proposal for Parent Council consideration. The proposal would replace the current speaker and provide 2 additional microphones. This would eliminate the need to rely on an external provider for the Christmas and Spring concerns (typical amount paid for this service was \$200 per event). L. Filewich agreed to allocate \$400 for the purchase of the sound system. The total quote is \$1714.64 (Ted Good Music), though K. Brown will proceed with getting an updated quote and submitting for ordering/payment.

Motion:	To approve spending \$1500 for the sound system upgrade.			
Move	Second	In Favor	Opposed	Status
L. Lavallee	M. McFarlin	7	0	Carried

9. Principal's Report

The principal's report was read by L. Filewich.

10. Open Discussion (this is a newly added standing agenda item)

J. Teichroeb brought forward a generational learning opportunity (through Seniors for Seniors) that might be of interest to the school. L. Filewich to inquire further.

11. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th at 7 p.m.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.