

Dalhousie Parent Society Meeting Minutes

AGM September 17th 6:30pm

Attendees: Sebastien Fournier, Danielle Outhet, Heather Haberli, Holly Fedosoff, Jackie Bilsky, Amanda Tomlinson, Amanda Tsai, Melissa Kurtz, Melissa Johal, Jacinda Marchuk, Amy Bergeron, Desiree Challoner, Lara Mack, Martine Sawatzky, Heather Ryan, Jesse Chau, Pazu Wong, Amber Lenzin, Valeria Nada, Bertha, Kristine Cannon, Mason Hender, Robert Fedosoff, Rachel Crossland, Allison Pinnock, Puneet, Michelle K, Khushboo Thanawala, Crissinda, Kaeyli, Weeraya, Supriya Vadalkar, Krista and Scott Smiley, Lori Walker Krause, Melissa McCarthy

Topic	Discussion
Call to Order	1. Call to order at 2010H Approval of the Agenda by Holly and Amanda
Review Minutes	1. Approval of May 2025 minutes by Holly and Amber
Financial Review	1. Treasurer's Report Operating account is currently at: \$50 408.05 as of Sept 11 See Table 1 below for review of accounts for May to Sept 11 2. Casino Update June 2025 Casino Account \$88 241.67 Casino is one of our biggest fundraisers! We have 36 months to spend money raised. Next Casino slot Jan-March 2027 at Elbow River Casino. Total funds available for upcoming school year is \$138 996.80 as of Sept 11, 2025.

Progress Report	1. Chair's Report - Fundraising - See Table 2 below Fundraising Review 2024-2025 year - CBE Playground audit on going and administration to update PS/SC as required. - See attached summary of chart which outlines each fundraiser over the year and the key points learned on fundraiser initiative including value from year to year. Included passive income generator such as Mabel's Label, Flip-Give etc. Open to suggestions for all feasible fundraising ideas! -Fundraising that are less lucrative and time consuming will be reviewed on whether or not to continue year to year. - Discussion regarding some Parent's Societies subsidize full fields trips and how to disclose this information to parents. - Survey to elicit opinions of parents for fundraisers and direction of revenue to be drafted.
Funding Priorities	1. Funding Priorities for 2025-2026 Gagaball Basketball Hoops Carpets Parent Society/Student Council shared computer with applications and cloud subscription. Will require organization of current and future documents including significant amount of Treasurer information.
New Business	1. New Business Nominating Parent Society Roles Chair - Jackie Bilsky Co-chair - Amanda Tsai New Secretary - Heather Ryan voted in for 2025-2026 New Treasurer - Desiree Challoner voted in for 2025-2026 AGLC - Amber Lenzin
Adjournment	1. Adjourned at 2101H 2. Next Meeting October

Table 1: Treasurers Report

Month	Expenses	Reason	Credits	Reason
May/June	\$149.37 \$1194.38 \$146.27 \$995.00 \$500 \$567 \$666.50	Read A thon Pizza Fiesta Raffle box expenses Raffle Winnings Wow to Woah School Support-Bussing Rain barrels- Owing	\$320 \$1673.42 \$572.28 \$1918.99 \$0.53	Volunteer hours Fiesta- So far (no food trucks yet) Healthy Hunger Spring Raffle Interest earned
Total For May/June	\$4218.52		\$4485.22	
July	\$3689.72 \$937.60 \$2350.95	Garden Project-ongoing Teacher Appreciation Casino advisors	\$219.00 \$2624.45 \$0.49	Healthy Hunger Tips/ Fees from Casino

Total For July	\$6978.27		\$2843.94	
August			\$0.49	Interest
Total for Aug	\$0.00		\$0.49	
Sept	\$1,830.45 \$6000.00 \$629.21 \$2390.85	Welcome back BBQ Mural Project Sports day School support- Bussing (from June)	\$890	Apple orders (to Sept 11)
Total-To Sept 11	\$10,850.51		\$890.00	

Table 2: Fundraising Review 2024-2025 year

Fundraiser	Comments
Davison Apples (\$2133.90)	This is a much-loved fundraiser in our school community and was once again a great success. Although it requires a lot of manual work to compile and submit, its continued popularity means we'll keep offering it
Moms Pantry (\$691.98)	The process is online, but a \$5,000 minimum is usually required for free delivery. We negotiated a lower \$2,500 minimum and arranged to pick up the order ourselves, allowing us to still make a profit. While we won't run it again this year as other fundraisers were more popular, those who ordered were very happy with the products
Purdys Holiday (\$1662.28)	This fundraiser was a success! There was a small hiccup with the order, but resolved by picking up the product from a retail store. Sorting took some time, but it was tricky with school delivery
Growing Smiles Holiday (\$759.55)	Overall, this fundraiser was successful despite some behind-the-scenes delays. The product was worth the wait, though communication was tricky during their process. Plants had to be placed in groups, which left us with a few extra plants—but we were able to give them to parents once they arrived
Heritage Popcorn (\$508)	This fundraiser was successful thanks to free delivery, which made a big difference. If we had paid as originally planned, it wouldn't have been viable. We don't plan to run it again and are exploring other popcorn options, like Kernels, for a future year
Purdys Spring (\$688)	This fundraiser was a success. Sorting was a bit challenging with school delivery, but we had it sent to a house instead and brought the packed orders to the school
Growing Smiles Spring (\$650)	Similar to the Holiday campaign, plants had to be ordered in groups. We were again able to sell the required extras, helping us maximize profit

Rain Barrels (\$736)	While it was great to offer a product that supported the environment and complemented the garden project, we wouldn't recommend this fundraiser again. It required significant time and follow-up, communication was challenging, and the order form was hard to read with no sorting option. Additionally, the limited product options and order process may have contributed to lower sales
Fun Lunch (\$4758.10)	Fun Lunch continues to be a hit! After a slow start and some feedback last year, our Fun Lunch team made a few changes this year. We adjusted the menu, added some new restaurants while keeping the favourites everyone loved, and we're so grateful for the support. We recommend doing this fundraiser again!
Read a thon (\$26,387.60)	This idea came from Melissa with a goal to foster a love of reading. Thanks to her hard work organizing prizes, cards, pizza parties, and more, it was a huge success. Kids and parents loved it, and we're so grateful for the support. We recommend doing this fundraiser again!