

PARENTS AT WESTBROOK SOCIETY (PAWS)

Minutes

Date/Time: January 21, 2026

Where: Westbrook School

Time: 7:30 pm

Attendance: Nikki Murphy, Maria Gastle, Mary Thomas, Kim Labelle, Natalie Schlamp, Sim Kaida, Dana Garner, Theresa Bosko, Julie Kusiek, Darren Sweeney, Meheret Worku, Nancy Lastiwka

Online: Kelly Kentel, Lisa Alexander, Vanessa Baker, Stephen Bosko, Zeyuan Li, Michael Liu, Yang Cheng

1. Call meeting to order:

- Meeting called to order at 8:17pm by Nikki Murphy.

2. Approval of agenda & minutes:

- Approval of November minutes - motion to approve November minutes by Maria Gastle, seconded by Mary Thomas.
- Approval of current Agenda - motion to approve January's Agenda by Maria Gastle, and seconded by Mary Thomas.

3. New Business - NONE

4. Financial Report

General Account December 2025 Statement		
Opening Balance	\$9,067.76	
	Receipts	Disbursements
Healthy Hunger deposit	\$4,965.30	
Movie night deposit - To be transferred to the playground account	\$537.13	
Glow Dance and WestEd Waterpark Fundraiser - Stripe	\$689.58	
Juice and Cookies - Fun lunches		-\$79.16
Total	\$6,192.01	-\$79.16
Book Balance December 31st, 2025	\$15,180.61	
RBC Bank Statement December 31st, 2025	\$15,180.61	
Variance*	\$0.00	
Casino Account December 2025 Statement		
Opening Balance	\$135,236.08	
	Receipts	Disbursements
Artist in Residence - Nov and Dec 2025	-	-\$ 833.33
Total	\$ -	-\$ 833.33
Book Balance December 31st, 2025	\$134,402.75	
RBC Bank Statement December 19th, 2025	\$134,402.75	
Variance*	\$0.00	
Playground December 2025 Statement		
Opening Balance	\$42,306.80	
	Receipts	Disbursements
N/A	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	\$ -
Book Balance December 31st, 2025	\$42,306.80	
RBC Bank Statement December 19th, 2025	\$42,306.80	
Variance*	\$0.00	

5. Requests for Funds

- No requests at this time

6. Fundraising Updates

6.1. Planned upcoming fundraisers

- Glow Dance on February 20, 2026

- tickets currently on sale on the playground website. 50% of tickets sold so far
- Cash concession will be offered.
- Volunteers for the event will be needed and much appreciated. Sign up via sign up genius. 1 hr shifts in varying roles - will include:
 - Concession ← tap pmt available
 - Glow merchandise sales with glow dance staff ← cash pmt only
- tickets will be handed out before the event
- All children need to be supervised by a parent. Parents must also purchase a ticket.
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- WEM Waterpark fundraiser on April 23, 2026. The playground website is live and open to sell tickets.
 - Again - 375 tickets this year as compared to 500 last year - shorter lines and less congestion at event.
- West coast seeds - we were going to be participating in a fundraiser partnering with WCS but have decided to forgo same. Only so many hours in the day - we are shifting our focus to the playground and seeing that project through to completion.

6.2. Ongoing fundraiser Updates

- Growing smiles and purdys completed - thanks to everyone who supported the efforts. We will hopefully have a total for the purdy's profits soon, greenery made \$430.
- Hot lunches - 5 down, 11 to go!
 - Continue to be a success both in profits and in execution. Kids love the food and it's such a fun two hours making it all happen - chaotic but fun!
 - We have been spoiled so far this year with many willing and eager volunteers to help execute the lunches - THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
 - Next lunch is tomorrow (Boston Pizza) - come volunteer if you are able, the more the merrier!

6.3 - Playground Update

- Sim Kaida - We have officially gotten the grant for \$125,000 from the government. Officially have enough money to build, hopefully start this summer with a September opening.

6.4 - Suggestions - None.

7. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm

8. Next Meeting - February 18, 2026

About PAWS

The Parents At Westbrook Society (PAWS) is an independent, self-governing organization, separate from Westbrook School Council and Westbrook School, with the authority and responsibility to make necessary decisions to manage its operations and activities.

The objects of PAWS are to:

- Raise money to support opportunities for students attending Westbrook School that enhance their educational experience.
- Provide opportunities for parents and community members to provide additional financial resources to support Westbrook School Council and Westbrook School.
- Secure funds through casinos, grants, and other fundraising activities to achieve the goals of PAWS.
- Strengthen the quality and relevance of education and contribute to the development of responsible citizens through access to funds.
- Develop and maintain a symbiotic relationship with Westbrook School Council and Westbrook School.
- Work collaboratively with Westbrook School Council and Westbrook School to determine the needs, wishes, and priorities for funds.