

PARENTS AT WESTBROOK SOCIETY (PAWS)

Minutes

Date/Time: February 18, 2026

Where: Westbrook School

Time: 7:30 pm

Attendance: Nikki Murphy, Maria Gastle, Natalie Schlamp, Sim Kaida, Darren Sweeney, Nancy Lastiwka, Andrea Fletcher, Meaghan Galipew, Kara Lise Forrest

Online: Theresa Bosko, Angus Gastle

1. Call meeting to order:

- Meeting called to order at 7:41pm by Nikki Murphy.

2. Approval of agenda & minutes:

- Approval of January minutes - motion to approve November minutes by Sim Kaida, seconded by Meaghan Galipew.
- Approval of current Agenda - motion to approve February's Agenda by Sim Kaida, and seconded by Meaghan Galipew.

3. New Business - NONE

4. Financial Report

General Fundraising Account - **\$24,067**

Casino Account - **\$134,403**

Playground Account **\$167,153**

Casino account Balance as of
January 2026

- **\$134,403**

No activity in the period

Playground account balance as of
January 2026

- **\$167,153**

*Includes Government of AB grant
for playground \$125,000 and
website expenses of (\$154).*

General Account January 2026 Statement		
Opening Balance	\$15,180.61	
	Receipts	Disbursements
Healthy Hunger deposit - DQ & Panago	\$863.05	
DeVry Greenery Deposit	\$430.68	
Healthy Hunger deposit - Purdy's chocolates	\$2,454.96	
Healthy Hunger deposit - McDonalds Hot Lunch	\$242.75	
Glow Dance and WestEd Waterpark Fundraiser - Stripe	\$4,491.71	
Cash from concession - Movie night to be transferred to playground account	\$403.00	
Total	\$8,886.15	\$0.00
Book Balance January 31st, 2026	\$24,066.76	
RBC Bank Statement January 30th, 2026	\$24,066.76	
Variance*	\$0.00	
Casino Account January 2026 Statement		
Opening Balance	\$134,402.75	
	Receipts	Disbursements
N/A	-	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -
Book Balance January 31st, 2026	\$134,402.75	
RBC Bank Statement January 20th, 2026	\$134,402.75	
Variance*	\$0.00	
Playground January 2026 Statement		
Opening Balance	\$42,306.80	
	Receipts	Disbursements
Government of AB grant	\$125,000.00	
Website expenses - cheque #038	\$0.00	-\$154.29
Total	\$125,000.00	-\$154.29
Book Balance January 31st, 2026	\$167,152.51	
RBC Bank Statement January 20th, 2026	\$167,152.51	
Variance*	\$0.00	

5. Requests for Funds

- Requesting \$1500 for Grade 6 farewell (all inclusive amount: Gifts, locks, food, etc). Motion Sim, approved by Maria Gastle, seconded by Nikki Murphy.

6. Fundraising Updates

6.1. Planned upcoming fundraisers

- Glow Dance this coming Friday!
 - Cash concession will be offered.
 - All volunteer spaces filled - much appreciated.
 - tickets were sent home with kids today
 - All children need to be supervised by a parent.
 - Parents must have also purchased a ticket.
- 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
 - 162 tickets sold so far. 43% sold.

6.2. Ongoing fundraiser Updates

- Holiday Purdy's Fundraiser - total profits of \$2,455.96
- Hot lunches - 7 down, 9 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 (Panago) - come volunteer if you are able, the more the merrier!

6.3 - Playground Update

- Sim - officially received the money from the grant, and majority of the promised donations. Final Vendor presentations are March 3, construction to begin at the end of the school year.

6.4 - Suggestions - Encouraged to do less fundraisers (buy an item) next year.

7. Adjourn at 7:53

8. Next Meeting - April 15, 2026 - 7:30pm

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.