

Agenda

Sir Winston Churchill Parent Association Society Sir Winston Churchill School Council

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

School Library

PARENT ASSOCIATION SOCIETY MEETING

Attendees: Badru Laiwalla, Lisa Turner, Windchill Ha, Beatrix Demartin, Tracy Xu, Suat Yucebag, Cagloyon Yucebag, Nitesh Jain, Sabine Jain, Chong Chong Pan, Koos Brobbel, Karen Brobbel, Angela Leavens, Jennifer Jones, Chen Xu, Steven Krishna, Shaleni Rai, Shaofeng Ye, An Ying, Anna Wan, Veronica Chirino, Moise Coulombe, James Yang, Mariam Mogeess, Mogeess Ahmed, Alicia Bjarnason, Foyjunneg Goffan, Aghih Etehad, Ying Wang, GeMan Chen, Sadi'qullah Ixhahiq, Juveria Shahab, Chime Gandhi, Dharmendra Patel, Sabina Lerner, Lu Shen, Johnathan Meltz, Lilah Perkins, Arvin Rajan, Ann Cousineau, Ms. Alladin, Taryn Conley, U.T Sundararaj, Shaheen Nenshi Nathoo

- 1) Call to order at 6:35pm by U.T. Sundararaj
- 2) Welcome and introduction of existing executive members

Chair: U.T. Sundararaj
Vice Chair: GeMan Chen
Secretary: Taryn Conley
Treasurer: Lisa Turner
Casino/Fundraiser Rep: Windchill Ha
COSC Rep (Key Communicator): Badru Laiwalla

- 3) Approval of agenda and any new business to add

No new business to add
Motion to approve agenda: Windchill Ha
Seconded: Alicia Bjarnason
Motion approved

- 4) Nominations and election of executive positions

Chair: Badru Laiwalla (acclaimed)

Past Chair: U.T Sundararaj

Vice Chair: GeMan Chen (acclaimed)

Secretary: Taryn Conley (acclaimed)

Treasurer: Ying Wang (acclaimed)

Casino/Fundraiser Rep: Windchill Ha (acclaimed)

James Yang & Johnathon Meltz will shadow Windchill Ha this year, in order to assume the role in September 2025

COSC Rep (Key Communicator): position left vacant

5) Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: May 1, 2024

Motion to approve minutes from May 1, 2024: GeMan Chen

Seconded: Badru Laiwalla

All in favor, motion carried

6) Treasurer's Report by Lisa Turner for August 2024: see attached

Current balance as of August 31: \$51,944.26

7) Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve treasurer's report as presented: Ying Wang

Seconded: Windchill Ha

Is there end of year taxes on the money? No, we are not a charitable organization.

Fiscal year end is August 31.

We are looking for 2 people to audit the financial records before we can send them in.

This would be a 1-hour time commitment.

All in favor, motion carried

8) Casino/Fundraising Chair's Report – Windchill Ha

Request for additional funds fundraiser in the Fall (October 1-25). A school messenger will go out to all parents to ask for a donation. This fundraiser usually raises \$5000-\$8000 for the school. This funding goes towards such events as graduation, Christmas Hampers, staff appreciation. This fundraiser asks for \$10/student. Would like to increase this amount to \$20/student. We cannot write tax receipts for these donations as we are not a charitable organization.

Casino March 16/17, 2025 at Elbow River Casino. We will be looking for approx. 36 volunteers for this event. A casino will bring in anywhere from \$60,000-\$80,000. More info will come out in January 2025.

9) New business- no new business

10) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm

Motion to adjourn meeting: Lisa Turner

Seconded: GeMan Chen

Motion approved, meeting adjourned

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Attendees: Badru Laiwalla, Lisa Turner, Windchill Ha, Beatrix Demartin, Tracy Xu, Suat Yucebag, Cagloyon Yucebag, Nitesh Jain, Sabine Jain, Chong Chong Pan, Koos Brobbel, Karen Brobbel, Angela Leavens, Jennifer Jones, Chen Xu, Steven Krishna, Shaleni Rai, Shaofeng Ye, An Ying, Anna Wan, Veronica Chirino, Moise Coulombe, James Yang, Mariam Mogeess, Mogeess Ahmed, Alicia Bjarnason, Foyjunneg Goffan, Aghih Etehad, Ying Wang, GeMan Chen, Sadi'qullah Ixhahiq, Juveria Shahab, Chime Gandhi, Dharmendra Patel, Sabina Lerner, Lu Shen, Johnathan Meltz, Lilah Perkins, Arvin Rajan, Ann Cousineau, Ms. Alladin, Taryn Conley, U.T Sundararaj, Shaheen Nenshi Nathoo

1. Call to order by U.T. Sundararaj at 7:17pm

2. Approval of the agenda and any new business to add

Motion to approve agenda: Ying Wang

Seconded: Windchill Ha

Motion passed

Will there be any discussion of the new grading system for Grade 10? Mr. Rajan said he was not planning to discuss this tonight. Parents have been and are encouraged to contact the CBE and trustees to share their views on this issue.

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: May 1, 2024

Motion to accept minutes as presented: Taryn Conley

Seconded: Ying Wang

All in favor, motion carried

4. Teacher's Report: Ms. Cousineau & Ms. Alladin

Free peer tutoring is available at the school. Check out the school website for more information.

IB grade 10 application meeting Oct 29 after school (students only)

Volunteer Churchill meets every second Thursday at lunch in the theatre.

Grade 12 scholarship info can be found in the D2L shell. Ms. Blackburn and Ms. Fleming can help with scholarships.

Guidance counsellors are working with the Grade 12's to help facilitate credit checks and talk about applying to post-secondary. Credit checks need to be booked and completed by December 1.

Grade 10 classes will also receive visits from the counsellors to remind them of the help available at the school and how to access.

IPP's have been sent home with students' week of September 23rd.

International Language course challenge – an email from the school will follow next week.

Meeting will be held Wed Oct 2 at lunch. Grade 12's will only be able to challenge a second language course.

5. Student's Report: Lilah Perkins, grade 11 student

Fall sports are up and running. Volleyball teams are phenomenal! Girls soccer team is doing great! Cross country team is up and running. Swim tryouts are in 2 weeks. Musical will be The Adams Family and auditions are happening soon. Volunteer Churchill had a great turnout. Basketball open gyms start next week. Club fair was in the foyer this year and had a great turnout. SWC Football is undefeated this year! Winter dance will be December 4.

6. Principal's Report: Mr. Rajan

Mr. Rajan has been principal at SWC for the last 12 years and has been with CBE for over 20 years.

SWC has over 40 clubs for students to join. There are athletics and fine art clubs. Your child is encouraged to join a team or a club. Students are provided with letters from Mr. Rajan for the extra-curricular activities they participate in at school.

SWC has 2200 students and over 100 staff. Communication with the school is key.

September is a very busy month at the school. 6 portables are being delivered and set up. Fire exits are being built. Next semester CTS courses (robotics, computer networking and mechatronics) will be offered for grade 10 and 11's. This course space is under construction now. The move to the portables will happen at the end of October.

Timetable changes cause disruptions at the school. SWC was projected for 2260 students for this school year. School was staffed for 2220 students in June 2024. 1990 arrived for school in September 2024. Timetables had to change as some classes had to be collapsed due to the lower than anticipated enrollment.

Council meetings will be at 6:30pm and the winter month meetings will be held online.

7. Treasurer's Report: Lisa Turner

Current balance as of August 31: \$667.52

8. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented: Alicia Bjarnason

Seconded: Angela Leavens

All in favor, motion passed

9. Chair's Report: U.T. Sundararaj

Casino: new executive will be added to the paperwork

Band parents would like to be included in the casino volunteer role out

Council bylaws are posted on the school website

Thank you to the executive and all parent volunteers.

10. Key Communicator's Report: no report

11. Request for soccer funding to encourage student/staff attendance - \$300

Motion to spend \$160 for girls Fall soccer and \$160 for boys Spring soccer for hotdogs/drinks:

Angela Leavens

Seconded by Alicia Bjarnason

Can Bruno also attend the soccer game? Yes, that can be arranged

All in favor, motion passed

12. New business

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:28pm by Lisa Turner

All in favor, meeting adjourned

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 @ 6:30 pm
SWC Library In Person