

Meeting Minutes
Sir Winston Churchill Parent Association Society Sir Winston Churchill
School Council

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 @ 6:30 pm
Virtual

PARENT ASSOCIATION SOCIETY MEETING

Attendees: Taryn Conley, Badru Laiwalla, Cassandra, Kailash Chhetri, Jasprite, Mariam Mogess, Maryam, Ngo Chuong, Nitesh Jain, Arvin Rajan, U.T. Sundararaj, Windchill Ha, Ying Wang, Ayaan Mahmo, Frank, Grace Jiang, James Yang, Shahid Saleem, Wahid Parvez, Shaheen Nenshi Nathoo, GeMan Chen, Farah, Tracy Xu, Adnan Abbasi, Grace Jiang, Kamal Sidhu

1. Call to order at 6:35pm by Badru Laiwalla
2. Approval of agenda and any new business to add
No new business to add
Motion to approve agenda: Nitesh Jain
Seconded: U.T. Sundararaj
Motion approved
3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: November 6, 2024
Motion to approve minutes: U.T. Sundararaj
Seconded: GeMan Chen
Motion approved
4. Treasurer's Report: see attached
Current balance as of November 30, 2024 \$43,359.44
Band program \$20,704.37
General funds \$22,644.38
5. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
Motion to approve treasurer's report at presented: Shahid Saleem
Seconded: Windchill Ha
Motion approved
6. Casino/Fundraising Chair's Report – Windchill Ha
Save the date for the casino fundraiser at Elbow River Casino March 16/17
Online signups will be available in the new year
Band parents are responsible for organizing 30% of the volunteers for the casino as the school shares the casino with the band parent association (10 volunteers)

Mr. Rajan will reach out to Mr. Rounding tomorrow to see if the band parents want the school messengers ahead of the rest of the sign ups, this is what has typically done in the past. The band program will receive 30% of the casino proceeds.

Casino funds must be spent within 3 years of receiving the money.

7. New business: none

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Motion to adjourn meeting by U.T. Sundararaj

Seconded by Ying Wang

All in favor, meeting adjourned

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Attendees: Taryn Conley, Badru Laiwalla, Cassandra, Kailash Chhetri, Jasprite, Mariam Mogess, Maryam, Ngo Chuong, Nitesh Jain, Arvin Rajan, U.T. Sundararaj, Windchill Ha, Ying Wang, Ayaan Mahmo, Frank, Grace Jiang, James Yang, Shahid Saleem, Wahid Parvez, Shaheen Nenshi Nathoo, GeMan Chen, Farah, Tracy Xu, Adnan Abbasi, Grace Jiang, Kamal Sidhu

1. Call to order by Badru Laiwalla at 6:56pm

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

Motion to approve agenda: GeMan Chen

Seconded: Ying Wang

Motion passed

Please change date of last meeting in point #3 on the agenda to read November 6, 2024

No new business

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: November 6, 2024

Motion to accept minutes as presented: U.T. Sundararaj

Seconded: Shahid Saleem

All in favor, motion passed

4. Teacher's Report: no report

5. Student's Report: no report

There is a school dance happening at the school tonight.

6. Principal's Report: Mr. Rajan

Winter Ball is happening tonight, first school dance since COVID. Students are very excited. This was organized by the students. Staff are supporting the

dance. Students made about \$1000 profit. The students will be returning the \$300 that council provided to them. The remaining \$700 will be donated to the school food bank.

Wellness Symposium – leadership students presented at the CBE board meeting today

Top Dog basketball tournament will be held this weekend at SWC and there is a pep rally tomorrow

Senior girls went to volleyball provincials last weekend. There was a heavy snowfall warning and parents ended up driving their students' home and the bus came home with the teacher only on it. CBE felt the roads were too unsafe for students to come home on the bus. Parents of players made arrangements for rides and all players, parents and teachers made it safely home by 10:00pm Saturday night.

City swim championship today, results are still be tabulated, but it looks like SWC won the city meet.

Fundraisers are happening at the school and Christmas hampers are being organized. Thank you to council for your donation for the hampers. All families in need at the school will be taken care of this holiday season.

Construction downstairs is almost completed. Second semester will see 3 additional options offered in CTS programs to the grade 10's and 11's. September 2025 will see 2 additional options offered. Portable project is also ending. For second semester, the second language classes will be moving to the portables.

Extended leave policy: beyond 10 days of extended leave, teachers are not able to catch students up. This is a CBE policy. Mr. Rajan meets with any family who is looking to travel and be gone longer than 10 days. There is a time minimum requirement for students to complete high school courses. Leaves longer than 10 days are not recommended, especially in Grade 11 and 12. This can have a detrimental effect on students learning. The only exception to this is for a medical leave where a student is unable to attend school.

SWC celebrates their diversity as students come from all parts of the world. Flags were put up to celebrate where each student comes from. The Israeli flag was put up and this upset some students who asked for it to be removed. Mr. Rajan has had many conversations with students about diversity and respectful behavior. Mr. Rajan said either all the flags stay or all the flags come down, one will not be taken down only. The students decided that all the flags should stay up. The goal of the school is to have no students feel alienated. SWC is inclusive and a safe space for students.

Teachers have been asked to not assign homework over the winter break. This is a time for students and staff to relax.

Questions/Comments: are there resources available for the new CTS options? Yes, this is a government initiative, well-resourced and is well funded! The funding is guaranteed for 3 years.

Thank you for how you handled the situation with the flags. We appreciate your leadership. Thank you for making everyone feel like they belong.

CTS options Grade 11's can access grade 10 courses in second semester this year, then grade 11 classes first semester next year and grade 12 classes in second semester.

Exam schedule – is on the website

7. Treasurer's Report: see attached

Current balance as of November 30, 2024 \$10, 242.62

The \$300 given to the school dance will be returned to council as the students fundraised more than enough money for their needs at the dance.

8. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented: James Yang

Seconded: Shahid Saleem

All in favor, motion passed

9. President's Report: Badru Laiwalla

a. Staff Appreciation Luncheon was held last Friday. Sandwiches were ordered \$2208.70 was spent, \$2000 was what was originally approved by council. The additional cost was for Starbucks gift cards (\$300) that were given to the IB teachers as they were offsite for the day.

Motion made to change the staff appreciation luncheon funds from \$2000 to \$2208.70, this is an additional \$208.70 cost by: Nitesh Jain

Seconded by: GeMan Chen

All in favor, motion passed

A cheque will be given to the school

b. Session on Stress & Burnout by Shelly Qualtieri on December 18, 2024 at 6.30 pm in the Theatre, open to parents and students. There is no virtual option for this session.

No registration required

c. Motion to choose date and approve Virtual Session on ADHD by Shelly Qualtieri on Monday Feb 3, 2025 or Monday Feb 10, 2025 either will be held at 7 pm.

Motion to host the virtual event on ADHD by Windchill Ha
Seconded by Shahid Saleem
All in favor, motion passed

The session will be held Monday February 10, 2025 at 7pm and will be virtual.

Total cost of both sessions will be \$500. This payment will be made with a VISA gift card that we receive from CBE. At this point we have not received the VISA gift card, it is wondered if it is stuck in the Canada Post strike. We will call CBE to see where the gift card is, usually we have received it by this point. There is a question of whether or not we could pick up the gift card so that we have it in time for the December session. There needs to be some clarification from Shelly regarding payment terms of the invoice.

- a. Key Communicator's Report: Shahid Saleem
No report at this time.
Shahid is working on the list of security questions (from the past meeting) and will send them to the executive.
- b. New business: none
- c. Adjournment

Motion to adjourned meeting at 7:43pm by U.T. Sundararaj
Seconded by: Shahid Saleem
All in favor, meeting adjourned

NEXT MEETING: VIRTUAL Wednesday, February 5, 2025 @ 6:30 pm