

St. Martin de Porres School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Followup Elections Meeting via Email on September 23-24, 2025

Present: Tony Skorjanc, Belinda Eamillao, Ryan Eamilao, Jennica Taylor, Chelsea King, Leah Christiansen, Mme de Champlain

Regrets: Amanda O'Connor, Reyanne Spina, Mrs. Arsenault., Heather McPherson

1.0 Call to Order & Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Jennica Taylor. Mme de Champlain led the opening prayer, followed by Jennica Taylor's opening comments. She welcomed attendees and discussed the School Council's role, highlighting some past events like the Read-a-thon, Family Dance, Family Skate, Grade 5 Farewell and Grade 3-5 Swim at the Dawe.

2.0 Agenda & Elections

The agenda was approved with a motion from Leah Christiansen, seconded by Tony Skorjanc.

School Council Executive Elections

- **Chair:** Tony Skorjanc (Nominated by Amanda O'Connor, seconded by Heather McPherson)
- **Vice-Chair:** *Position Open*
- **Secretary:** Reyanne Spina (Nominated by Jennica Taylor, seconded by Tony Skorjanc)
- **Treasurer:** Amanda O'Connor (Nominated by Jennica Taylor, seconded by Tony Skorjanc)

3.0 Business

3.1 Read-a-thon Campaign **Chair- Jennica Taylor**

- **Dates:** October 7 – October 28, 2025
- **Kickoff Assembly:** October 7 at approximately 2:30 PM (tentative date due to a possible Teachers' Strike)
- **Wrap-Up Assembly:** Date to be determined.
- **Volunteers:** Two volunteers are needed to print and organize envelopes. The administration will send an email requesting volunteers for photocopying.
- **Spirit Days:** Scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays to include Kindergarten students. These events will be added to the school calendar.

3.2 Prize Solicitation

Two volunteers are needed to solicit door prizes for the Read-a-thon.

4.0 Committee Reports / Chairs

4.1 Dawe Run

- This event was canceled by RDCRS.
- A replacement Terry Fox Run will be held at the school on Thursday, September 18.
- Donations will be collected for the Terry Fox Foundation.

4.2 Promotion of School Council- **Chair Position Open**

- Discussion is ongoing to increase visibility and parent engagement.
- Ideas like providing coffee or treats at student drop off or pick-up will be revisited once a Chair and Committee are established.

4.3 Staff Appreciation- **Chair Position Open**

- This is traditionally tied to Parent-Teacher Conference nights.
- An additional "Soup and Buns" parent potluck is being considered for later in the year. A chair is needed.

4.4 Winter Fun Night / Family Dance

- Winter Skate Night Chair: **Chair Position Open**
- Family Dance Chair: **Tony Skorjanc**

4.5 Shrove Tuesday- **Chair Position Open**

- Date: Friday, February 10, 2025 (due to a school closure on the actual Shrove Tuesday).

4.6 Grade 5 Farewell- **Chair: Heather McPherson**

- Event Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

4.7 Hot Lunch Program- **Chair: Kayla Carfanten**

- All dates for the 2025-2026 school year have been planned. A poster will be made at the school to advertise the upcoming hot lunches.

5.0 Principal's Report

- The school year has had a positive start.
- The Taylor Corn on the Cob Day was a HUGE success, thanks to Taylor Corn and volunteers. A second event will be organized September 26.
- A new school-wide program, Kimochi, has been implemented across all grades. A parent letter about this program will be sent out this week.
- Enrollment: Total enrollment is 257 students, with one Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten class.

6.0 Adjournment

- **No new business was presented.**
- **The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 2025, and will include the annual budget meeting.**
- **Mme de Champlain led the closing reflection.**
- **The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.**