

St-Jude Elementary Governing Board

Minutes

December 3, 2025 at 6:45pm (Zoom)

Members Present:

Principal: Sarah-Ann Blanchette (SB)

Chairperson: John Critchley (JC)

Alt. Chair/Parent Delegate: Kayla Robinson (KR)

Staff Representatives:	Parent Representatives:
Mandy Groulx (MG)	John Critchley (JC)
Chantal Kers (CK)	Sarah Graine (SG)
Stephanie Racine (SR)	Kayla Robinson (KR)
Sharon Larrissey (SL)	Renee Sabourin (RS)
Cheryl Fordham (CF)	Alexandra Kikilidis (AK)
Liliana Barbiero (LB)	Alternate: Katheleen Spoormakers (KS)

Guest: Sarah Niven (SN)

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 PM.

1.1. Adoption of the Agenda

(Resolution #20251104-01)

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motioned by: CF

Seconded by: SP

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Minutes of October 1, 2025

(Resolution #20251104-02)

Motion: RS

Second KR

Abstain: CK, MG, KS

Motion Carried

2.2 Minutes of November 4, 2025

(Resolution #20251104-03)

Motion: MG

Second: SL

Abstain: KS, CK

Motion Carried

2.3 Minutes of November 26, 2025

(Resolution #20251104-04)

Motion: RS

Second: CF

Abstain: KR, CK
Motion Carried

3. Questions from the Public

The Principal addressed several questions regarding school support programs and fundraising initiatives. Students receiving winter boots and snowsuits were selected in alignment with the Club Kiwanis mission, using prior requests for assistance, confidential school information, and staff professional judgment, consistent with the process shared at the October meeting. Regarding the Breakfast Club (PC grant), funds are currently being used to support student lunches and other initiatives, with full implementation still in progress; a detailed update will be provided in a future principal's report.

Cookie sales have generated \$304 in profit, averaging approximately \$100 per sale. The cookies were initially prepared by a parent volunteer, and the initiative will now be managed internally by the school team. Baking has largely occurred outside of school hours, and no student-specific details were shared due to privacy considerations. While the financial return is modest, the fundraiser is valued for its positive impact on school culture and for providing an inclusive, low-cost way for families to engage and support the school.

4. New Business

4.1 ABAV

(Resolution #20251104-05)

Motioned by: CF
Seconded by: KR
Against: CK
Abstentions: 0
Motion carried

CK said that the remainder of staff was not consulted on ABAV, and she suggests that it should be tabled. She is not opposed to the ABAV policy, she would just rather table it.

4.2 Deeds of Establishment

(Resolution #20251104-06)

Motion to approve the Deeds of Establishment.
Motioned by: KR
Seconded by: MG
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
Motion carried

4.3 Evaluation of learning

(Resolution #20251104-07)

Motion to approve document. No changes from last year.
Motioned by: KR
Seconded by: AK
Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried

4.4 Subject Time Allocation

(Resolution #20251104-08)

Motion to approve document. No changes from last year.

Motioned by: MG

Seconded by: SL

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried

4.5 Christmas Baskets Drive

(Resolution #20251104-09)

Motion to ask for donations to ask for Christmas Baskets. We would use the PC grant money to help families in our school.

Motion by: CF

Seconded by: RS

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Carried unanimously

Sarah Niven joined the meeting at 7:38pm

4.6 Photographer for next year

(Consultation)

We like this photographer. We are open to using them again next year and have the kids bring their jackets outside.

4.7 Volleyball Tournament

(Resolution #20251104-10)

Mme Stephanie would like to have a 1-day tournament for Grade 5 and 6. It will be at PDM from 8:30-2:30 on March 30th. It would cost \$14/student. Parents would be asked to drive their kids to school, and they would walk back to school to take the bus at the end of the day. She could bring 16 students max.

Motion by: SR

Second: CK

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Carried Unanimously

5. Principal's Report

(Information)

1. Had another Star Power Assembly today
2. Busy updating IEPs this month (53)
3. Dec. 17-18-19 fun activities: Music Concert, PJ breakfast, etc.
4. Carnival Week: Last week of January so that there is enough snow
5. December 12th, the Community Police Officer will come for Grade 4-6 for 1 hour on how to use their electronics properly.

6. Teacher's Report

Reminder: we still have a lot of crafts to sell at our craft fair.
Remembrance Day assembly was great.

7. PC Delegate's Report

(Information)

4 Korner's is starting a program on Digital Literacy. Information is limited at the moment but it would help teach children "what is real" on the internet, etc.

8. Home and School Report

Hot Dog Day was a success. This Friday we have "Drop and Shop" at the school. At the end of the month we have PJ Breakfast. We will slow down on fundraising in January. We would like to focus on Staff Appreciation.

Sarah Niven left at 8:03pm

9. Daycare Report

Daycare is going very well. Nothing to report.

10. Correspondence

(Information)

There was no correspondence.

11. Closing of the Meeting

Adjournment

Time: 8:06 pm

(Resolution #20251104-11)

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Motioned by: KR

Motion carried