



[Alexander Robinson Elementary](#)  
Parent Advisory Council

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

Thursday, October 17th, 2024  
Zoom

Meet and Greet at 7:00pm  
Meeting start at 7:15pm

In Attendance:

### **Executive Members:**

Chair – Chris Schultz-Lorentzen  
Vice-Chair – Graham Jones  
Treasurer – Michelle Schultz-Lorentzen  
Secretary – Shannon Lowry  
DPAC Rep – vacant

### **PAC Members**

Ramya K  
Carola S  
Ashley P  
Lisa P  
Nikki L

### **Admin**

Met on Tuesday and gave Principal's Report

### **Welcome acknowledgements and Call to Order**

- Territory Acknowledgement

- The shared traditional and unceded territory of the s̓q̓əciy̓aʔt̓ t̓əməx̓w (Katzie) and Kwantlen First Nations
- [First Peoples Principles of Learning](#)
- [SD42 Why do we acknowledge Territory](#)
- Motion to amend the Agenda
  - Moved/Seconded**
  - THAT the Agenda for October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be approved as presented and amended
  - CARRIED**

## Presentations

- None scheduled

## Reports

- Principal's Report
  - Met earlier in the week and information was shared at PAC meeting
  - Mrs. Cafferty's portable is getting cleaned up to get the portable ready
    - Terminix will be coming after
    - Hoping she can be back in on Friday
    - New Portable will also be ready to be moved in on Friday
  - Growth Planning Day
    - Lots of participation and engagement
    - Themed assemblies - assemblies with purpose
    - School motto - community building
    - Community building activities- in class and whole school
      - Presenters
    - Try intermediate and primary assembly
      - One before recess and one after recess - allows to target the message based on age
      - Still have some whole school assemblies (Remembrance Day, family day etc)
  - Staff Wishlist
    - \$100/teacher
      - Teacher will take receipt to the office, get paid by the secretary, secretary will invoice the PAC
    - \$10,000 for Staff Wish List
    - \$1,000 for "inside sensory support"

- \$2,900 money sitting at the district to spend on playground (accessible/inclusive playground)
  - The City will be planting trees along the pathway at the back of the field by the caretakers house
    - There will be a ceremony where the school will be involved
    - Scheduled for next tuesday
    - Will add shade
  - We finally have a CCW: Cassandra Bernard
    - Starts at 8:00 to work on Breakfast Program
  - We have a new Indigenous Support Worker: Katrina Haintz
    - She will be starting in a few weeks
  - Fire Drill and Great Shake Out Drill on Thursday
- Minutes Committee Report
  - Carola and Lisa are willing to be on the Minutes committee

**Moved/Seconded**  
 THAT the Minutes Report be approved  
**CARRIED**
- Treasurer's Report
  - General Account currently has \$28,619.85
  - Gaming Account currently has \$25,204.19
  - Hot Lunch is successful and a good fundraiser
  - Most of the money in above accounts is already allocated in the budget
- [District Parent Advisory Council](#) Report
  - Next DPAC Meeting is Thursday, October 24th, 2024 @ 7pm
  - Jeannie Harnet presented about Feeding Futures
  - Superintendents spoke about relief teachers
  - Both powerpoints from DPAC are in the powerpoint for this PAC Meeting

## Old Business

- **Welcome Back BBQ - Sept 19th**
  - Approx expenses \$900
  - This came out of the Gaming Grant because it is a community building event
- **Halloween Dance - Friday, October 25th 6pm-8pm**
  - Volunteers needed
  - This is a pro-d day
  - Sign Up Genius is coming for those who want to volunteer

- All children must come with a trusted adult.
  - This doesn't need to be their parent, just someone who is responsible
- **Garbage can by the parking lot chain gate**
  - Ramin said that the school will pay us back for the paint
  - The city caretaker will help attach and lock the new can
- **Bannock Cooking Day - Sept 27th**
  - Cooked about 600 pieces of bannock
  - A successful event
  - Many volunteers helped out and the kids loved it
- **School Growth Plan**
  - This is an ongoing process by the staff
  - This must be approved by the board office
  - This helps determine the district budget for upcoming years
- **Fundraising**
  - Neufeld farms
    - Is our main fall fundraiser
    - Online orders open November 1
    - Close on the 18th
    - Delivery on November 27th
      - The truck will come to the school at 6pm and people can pick up their orders directly
- **Hot Lunches**
  - Is an ongoing fundraiser
  - Thank you to the parents who come out to help
  - As long as we have volunteers, we can continue to do this
  - Sign Up for volunteering is on Facebook page and PowerPoint for this meeting
- **Breakfast Club**
  - We need volunteers to help out here as well
  - Sign Up for volunteering is on Facebook page and PowerPoint for this meeting
  - Drop ins are also welcome if you are able to help out last minute
    - Also to help clean up after

## **New Business**

- News from the Library
  - Ms. Neufeld is looking for volunteers to help signing books out, signing books in and shelving books
  - Contact her if you'd like to help

- Primary Cross Country Run
  - Happened on October 16
  - Was lucky on weather
- Intermediate Cross Country Run
  - Alouette Lake at the South Beach
  - October 24th - starts at 3 and goes to until approx 6
- Families in Need Lunch Funds
 

**Moved/Seconded**

Motion: that PAC fund up to \$1000 per month in PAC Hot Lunches for Food Security

**Carried**

  - There are 28 kids who have food insecurity and this would help them have a hot lunch.
    - They receive a lunch through the district but they have no choice in this.
    - Hot lunch allowed them some autonomy to choose a food they enjoy
- Special Persons Day
  - Mrs. Murphy spear heads this yearly
  - It happens in May
  - Funds goes to snacks etc for the event
  - There was some talk about this event looking different this year

**Moved/Seconded**

Motion: THAT the PAC fund up to \$450 for the 2024/2025 Special Persons Day

**Carried**
- ARE Clubs
 

**Moved/Seconded**

Motion THAT the PAC fund up to \$50 per registered school club or extracurricular activity, up to \$750 (15 clubs) from the Gaming Grant

**Carried**

  - This can be for any club within the school
  - Sponsor teacher will fill out a form to name the club, and what they do, what they will use the money for
- Staff Wish List
 

**Moved/Seconded**

Motion: THAT the PAC fund up to \$10,000 towards a Staff Wish List

**Carried**

- Our current budget has enough money to cover this cost
- The budget does not count the Gaming Grant money as that is not known in the spring when the budget is created

**Parent Voice** - Opportunity for Parents to raise questions/concerns, offer input

- Parent concern about the missing basketball hoops
  - The poles were moved to get the new portable in
  - They will be replaced
- You will be getting a message from the district about water
  - It sounds worse than it is
  - The district needs to test all potable (drinkable) water
    - If they claim that certain water sources are not potable then they don't need to test it
    - This saves money for the district
    - This does NOT mean that the water is not safe. Certain taps just won't be tested (ie: outside taps, custodian taps, bathrooms etc)

**Adjournment**

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT meeting be adjourned at 8:22PM

**CARRIED**

**PAC Meeting Dates**

- **November 5, 2024 - in person in the Library**
- **December 10, 2024**
- **January 14, 2025**
- **February 11, 2025**
- **March 11, 2025**
- **April 8, 2025**
- **May 6, 2025**
- **June 10, 2025**

***Next meeting:***

***Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:15pm In Person in the Library***

***Meet & Greet 7:00 – 7:15***

Mail to: [arepacsd42@gmail.com](mailto:arepacsd42@gmail.com)

School Website: [ARE PAC Info](#)

Subscribe to: [ARE PAC Google Calendar](#)

**facebook groups:**

[Alexander Robinson Elementary PAC](#)

[Alexander Robinson Elementary Chat](#)