

PAC meeting

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Meeting opened with excitement about reconnecting after a break.

Land Acknowledgement

- Kanaka is on unceded land, meaning the land was not given via treaty. The land is shared by the Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations.

Approval of Past Minutes and Agenda

Motion to approve March minutes passed.

Agenda for the meeting tonight was approved. 1st and 2nd

Reports

Water Mania Night committee is moving forward with an event on July 10.

Approved budget in April.

Event evolved from a carnival to a fun night.

Banking transition is taking longer than expected.

Popcorn day went well, next cutoff is Sunday for June 13.

Need to pay bill for a previous popcorn day.

Free popcorn day was held after the last PAC meeting to use expiring popcorn.

DPAC

DPAC is nearing the end of its year.

Pamphlet about Foundry, an organization for families needing support, is available.

DPAC is looking more closely at PACs and how they're voting in their executives.

"So the whole holding up your hand to vote okay. Is technically not allowed."

PAC executive elections should be conducted with written ballots and counted by someone outside of the election. Online ballot system could be set up for voting.

Elections and PAC Voting

Rachel mentions recent discussions about how PACs are being voted in, especially after events in other school PACs.

Rachel suggests that even with only one person running, private voting should still occur, similar to strata elections.

Discussed the possibility of floor nominations, where people can nominate themselves or others before the vote starts.

PAC wants to remind people not to stop the from refreshing and allowing new people to join.

AGM Planning

The AGM will happen in July.

PAC will plan to post on the Facebook page about the AGM and the available roles.

They will include a contact person for those interested in putting their names forward.

Setting Dates

AGM date July 14th, 2025, consider doing it before the "summer night" event for a recap.

Next pac meeting was decided to be on June 23rd for the June meeting.

Next Steps

The first step is to post a general announcement on the PAC Facebook page about the AGM and available roles.

In June, they will decide on the process for nominations and who they should go to.

DPAC Schedule

The DPAC schedule dates are proposed and will be voted on.

Zoom meetings were a trial this year and may or may not continue next year.

There are board meetings and DPAC meetings, generally following each other.

Hot Lunch

The May 2nd hot lunch was Subway 140 orders.

The only issue was that it took a long time for Subway to pick up the payment from the school.

Hot Lunch Updates

March hot lunch: 1185 total orders, \$301 profit (first order of the month back, usually low).

Papa John's (March 16th): 284 orders, \$2,105 total sales, \$587 profit.

Panago (this Friday): 298 orders, \$1909 total sales, \$468 profit.

There were issues with parents forgetting to order hot lunch, especially with the first Subway order.

Munch Lunch System

Working on implementing the new Munch Lunch system.

Need to determine a refund policy (no lunch credits, hard to do small checks).

Want more people on the pac to understand the system for fundraising events.

Financial Report

- March: ~\$2,137 funds received (mostly hot lunch), \$6,000 expenses, \$62,723 net balance.
- April: ~\$2,352 funds received (hot lunch only), \$5,484 expenses, \$5,506.72 balance.
- May: \$10,000 funds received, \$12,801 expenses, \$52,980.84 balance. • Savings: \$16,538 balance.
- One expense from savings: gaga ball (\$12,790, check cashed finally).
- Money taken from checking to pay teacher bus funds.
- Current balance (as of now): \$60,000.
- High jump mat: Mr. Moran is looking into purchasing it.

Bank Issues

- Challenges with Bank of Montreal (BMO): locked out of account, two accounts canceled.
- Starting the process of switching to Envision Credit Union.
- Debit card received but no PIN.

Bank Card Capabilities Envision bank

- They were told they would have more capabilities, like a bank card and EFT transfer, to make things snappier.

- A Canada Post prepaid gift card with \$200 was obtained, which can be reloaded online with a debit card.
- The debit card from the Pack Treasure account didn't work.
- The hope is that the card will help with making purchases.

Events

- Bandits basketball: 40 tickets were sold, making \$40.
- The tickets were \$15 each, but they charged \$16 to keep it affordable.
- Sending the tickets took two hours because they were sent separately.
- Zumba event: It will be two hours instead of one, with chips, Gatorade, and water.
- The gym is booked, but confirmation is pending due to access issues.
- Next month: Considering a dance or movie night, with the opposite in July.
- A dance was something people wanted. Body odor could be an issue if the dance is in the gym in June or July.

Square Reader

- The best solution is to repurchase it from the pack because an account needs to be set up.
- Someone else did this on their pack and has it separate.
- Funds must go directly to the PACS account.
- If funds go to another account, it could be charged as revenue.
- DPAC meetings have discussed Square, noting it's not ideal for non-profits.
- There's no clear guidance for using it in non-profit scenarios.
- They will meet later in the week to look at opening it up and going through the prompts together.

BCID and Gaming Grant

- Pod pals are going to a movie theater on July 18th.
- Monica and Kate need help filling out online forms for the grant as soon as they get BCID.
- The cutoff is June 30th.
- BCID is coming by Canada Post, which may be slower due to the lack of overtime.
- They will set up a time to apply together before June 23rd.
- All grant money needs to go to the current account where the gaming money is.
- The old account can be closed next year after everything is moved.
- Bank information is shared when applying for the gaming grant, not when registering for BCID.
- There is a report due between the end of next year and the beginning of the year after the BCID.

DPAC Report

- A report for DPAC needs to be submitted either at the beginning or end of next year.
- The old PAC submitted the report last year.
- A copy of the report exists

Principal report

Cultural Awareness and Events

- Ms. Newberry is increasing cultural diversity awareness within the school.
- Students celebrated the Persian New Year with a Haft-Sin table.
- A culture day is upcoming, inviting students to wear cultural dress or bring a flag.

Entrepreneur Fair

- The grade six and seven entrepreneur fair was successful with less breakage than previous years.
- Teachers banned slime this year.

Underground Spirit Week

- Underground spirit week was a TikTok trend.
- The staff dressed up in beach wear for beach day.
- Other days included wear all black day, Kanaka gear day, and anything but a water bottle day.
- Grade four and five students figured out the theme and could win a prize if they identified all five days.

May Events

- The choir concert with Fred Pinner was held, and Don Michele's retirement was celebrated.
- Two students from Don Michele's first class sang with Fred.
- Track and field meets were held at the school, with students participating in the district track and field meet.

Cross country for intermediates almost didn't happen due to venue issues but was resolved last minute.

- The primary cross country event had a huge showing of families.

Public Speaking

- School-based public speaking winners:
- Grade 4: Abby Schiller for Snakes
- Grade 5: Summer Beer Bayness for Diego Maradona
- Grade 6: Lila Healy for the Great Barrier Reef
- Grade 7: On Fisher for "Who is Why Taylor Swift is More Than Just a Singer"
- Retired principals and a teacher-turned-author were judges.
- No one received honor status at the district meet.

Wendy's Walk

- Wendy's Walk was held in May, and her granddaughter Brooke presented a children's book.
- The event included Wendy's family, RCMP, community safety officers, and Mrs. Nagy.
- \$1,250 was raised for cancer research.
- A bench was installed in front of the office as Wendy's bench, built by Laura Cortland's husband.
- Brooke organized the walk as part of her grade 12 capstone project.
- Pod pals: For the last two years, classes have been grouped into multi-age groups.
- Groups do different things, from teaching classes to going on field trips.
- One pod went to the Sea to Sky Gondola.
- Summer after-school programs:
- Albion FC started last week on Wednesdays on the field.

- Luma Space hip hop is starting Mondays in the gym.

Parent input for placements:

- Send an email to the speaker, not just the child's teacher.
- It's part of the discussion but can't always be honored.
- Staffing changes:
 - Michael A is leaving, opening a kindergarten position.
 - Mrs. Byer will be the kindergarten teacher next year.
 - Mr. Bradson will be doing full-time support.
 - Mrs. Ling will be doing a support/fine arts role.
- Track and field: The school has won the large school or very large school division for the track and field meet for about six years.
- Cross country: The tent and jerseys look great. "There is no other bright orange."

New Business

- Social media policy:
 - Other schools have social media policies, so it's good practice to have one.
 - Considerations include monitoring the content and who is part of the group.
 - The policy will be resent to the executives for input and brought up again in June.
- Email addresses:
 - There were questions about whether some email addresses were actually parents in the school.
 - The new secretary, Serena Kozak, is the former Freedom of Information and

Privacy Protection Act person at the district level.

- "That's not actually information that we can. Can give out necessarily."
- A solution is being sought where the speaker can view the list and confirm.
- The policy aims to ensure that only parents are in the group and to set guidelines for content.

KCE Bursary:

- A \$500 scholarship is available for a grade 12 student who attended at least grade 7 at the school.
- There were five applicants this year, and a decision had to be made quickly.
- Metrics for measuring the scholarships will be shared moving forward.

Scholarship Metrics

- A point system was put together to measure heart.
- Metrics on the scholarship include how much the recipient is responsible for paying (100%, 10%), backstory, academics, and community work.
- The goal is to create a timeline and organize the process for next year, allowing more time for decision-making.
- The metrics will be shared, and a vote will be held in June to determine the recipient.

Wall Ball Activity

- A teacher put together a wall ball activity using concrete space outside.
- It's suggested as another activity for the kids to do on the wall.

- The activity would be targeted for the big cement blasts on Guilford Hill, at the north end of the property.
- The process to move forward would be an application to the district maintenance to see if it's a possibility and to see whether or not it'd be something that they would look at doing or that they would contract out.

Wall Ball Consultation

- Someone knows a person who deals with developing fields, including pickleball fields, and whose son will be joining Kanaka next year.
- This person could provide a consultation to assess the feasibility of the wall ball activity.
- It needs to be confirmed with the district that painting in the planned location is okay.
- Contracting the work is possible, but district confirmation is needed first.

Internet Safety

- A discussion about Internet safety arose due to concerns about a grade seven Snapchat group.
- The idea of bringing someone in to talk to the kids about Internet safety and appropriate online behavior was suggested.
- The school has had such presentations in the past, potentially through Safe and Caring.
- There was an incident at the park where kids were filming with GoPros and posting to YouTube, raising concerns about privacy and appropriate content.

Internet Safety Presentation

- A family chose the school because the father works for CTV.

- The speaker suggests having people come in to have conversations on all levels and is interested in a parent meeting to discuss safety measures for kids.
- There is a parent version of the presentation available.
- They want to look at pricing to see if it's feasible to set up in a short amount of time.

Salima New Sexual Health

- They need to look into Salima New next year, which Pack usually organizes for grades four to seven.
- It was just in the last two to three years where it was Pack.
- Add it to the timeline for next year.

Teacher's Wish List

- They had a teacher's wish list at the beginning of the year, and the high jump mat was the main item.
- Any money left over from the gaming account after field trips and the high jump mat was to be used for the sensory room, garden area, and bins.
- An update on the funds will be provided at the next meeting.
- They want to clear out the teacher's funds account this year.

Sensory Room

- The WELL team felt that redoing the baskets for the teachers should be a yearly thing.
- Variety Club has a grant that matches what the pack puts in, up to \$10,000, due at the end of September.
- The speaker suggests earmarking money and leaving it for September to apply for the grant to build a better sensory room.

- They can work with OT to help with the grant.

Gaming Account

- They will take the money for the sensory room out of the general account instead of the gaming account.
- The gaming account needs to be spent.

Teacher Baskets

- They want to redo the baskets for the teachers.
- Lower primary uses bubbles and chalk.
- Intermediates use balls, frisbees, and skipping ropes.

Outdoor Recess Equipment

- There were skippers but they aren't needed.
- The balls go missing because the kids flip them around.
- Bubbles were purchased from the dollar store.
- Motion to approve \$150 per class can be taken out of the community engagement line item.

Bins

- Last year, Mr. Gold got all the stuff and the bins were filled and taken to the classrooms.
- Primary bins had bubbles and chalk.
- Intermediates had the same things.
- Bins can be sorted and packed 10-15 minutes before the next pack meeting.

Replenishing Sand Toy Wagon

- The sand toy wagon is well-used and needs replenishing.
- Last year, a call was put out to parents for donations.
- Dayton Perry is responsible for bringing the toys in and out.
- The dollar store has pre-wrapped sand toys.

Budget and Shopping

- There are 26 divisions, so \$100 each would be \$2600.
- There is only one card with one name on it.
- Motion to approve \$2,600 to support the teachers outdoor recess.
- Motion to include some equipment for the kids to play with, increasing the amount to \$2,800.

Motion and Next Meeting

- Motion to approve \$2,800 for the outdoor bins.
- First. Second. All in favor? Motion passed.
- Next meeting is June 23.
- The line item for the detail bin will be community engagement.