

PAC Meeting

Wednesday, February 26th, 2026

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

In Person in the Multipurpose Room

Online: <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/61297552159?pwd=apX623FayutGgtXrVFwzrQwVpXgHZb.1>

PAC Executive

Emily Lefebvre (EL), Co-Chair

Tegan Williams (TW), Co-Chair

Christine McCallum (CM), Treasurer

Mike Joe (MJ), Hot Lunch Coordinator

Katherine Rosenbaum (KR), DPAC Rep

Marlene Cummings (MC), Member at Large

Taryn Hayes (TH), Member at Large

School Representatives and Additional Speakers

Jason Eng (JE), Principal

Katherine Tso (KT), Vice-principal, regrets

Rachelle Woodman (RE), Garden Club

Dillon Adams (DA), Spring Fair committee, regrets

Holly Clarke (HC), PAC member

ITEM	LEAD	TIME
1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions (1 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Quorum made at 16:33	EL	6:30-6:33
2. Additions and Approval of Agenda (1 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- No additions- Hot Lunch moved to #3 (see notes below)	TW	6:33-6:36
3. Treasurer Report (10 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- not spending as much as we planned, though acknowledging that spending steps-up in the spring- education spending upcoming: Ethos Lab tuesdays in April- 2 bike racks that were approved by PAC to split 50/50 with the school have been installed<ul style="list-style-type: none">- School has not yet received the bill so that send is coming	CM	6:39-7:14

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - So far no parent social is planned, but is budgeted (to break even, so change to the budget should be nil) - Possible fundraising for Frog Hollow, but no representative has come forward to the meeting - Tumbler Ridge donation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vote to increase from \$1000 to \$2000 was passed - Need to send the money and emails received from parents - Spend for audio equipment to continue hybrid meetings? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - So far the exec has been able to successfully use the equipment we have at home - We need a secretary or better equipment for accurate recordings of the meetings - Popcorn maker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Movie nights, spring fair, grade 7 fundraising - Idea to rent one first to make sure it's the right fit for purpose - Idea from parent to buy cash drawers with clips for organising money at fundraising times, rather than cash boxes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The money flies around the cash boxes and is hard to organise - Good for grade 7 fundraising, spring fair, movie nights, etc - Kate D suggested more options for hanging art <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wire installations vs tape on walls or pin boards - Purchase or work order first? - Idea for mobile art displays approx \$500 from IKEA - Going to start with wire hanging system to use space in lobby - \$150 for potato seeds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vote to add to budget at 6:52 - Performers at school - can PAC help fund these events? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Performers, tap dance, gymnastics, etc. - Question from parent about neuro-affirming talks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chatting with a teacher about bringing a speaker in - Would this come from teacher stipend, or can PAC use extra funds? - If able to make it more accessible - ie. for an entire pod vs, just one class, then yes PAC can add funds - needs broader application for multiple cohorts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thinking Alder Pod - Use advocacy fund or the speakers/education fund - Contact Mr Boyle for more information - The PAC has been trying to get someone in for a few years to speak, so any ideas are helpful! - Marlene asked about money for families in need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community support line item is currently \$500, but deemed too small in Marlene's opinion - Subsidies for hot lunch, movie nights, spring fair - Grocery store gift cards - More need than realised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barrier to access could be language, tech skills, etc - Suggests a pool of funds to help folks who might be failing - It's one thing to waive some fees, and another to help in a more significant way 		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Going through the school channel is perhaps less private than going through the PAC - Kate suggested going directly to the grocers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We already have a relationship with Donald's - Create a fund at Donald's that families in need can use? - Could use the earnings from the Donald's gift card drive to support the fund 		
<p>4. Principal's Report (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upcoming dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Power Play March 11 ○ Report cards March 10 ○ Sports day May 29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ better weather, after May Long Weekend ○ Spring fair June 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Same day as the grade 7 overnight trip ○ Nelson's got Talent June 11/12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only families of children in specific show will be invited ● Grounds walkthrough with willing parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ During school hours in spring ○ Actually see what/where the students use ○ Collab with school and PAC ○ Financial and long-term goals ● Kate asked for regulation stations in the school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fidgets, textures, tactile stations for sensory calming 	JE	7:14-7:20
<p>5. DPAC update (5 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DPAC is a mess <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair stepped-down to run for school board trustee - Emails, links all down because they were on her account ● Math presentation in the winter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Excellent presentation, very eye-opening ○ BC (and Canada) test scores plummeting ○ In attempts to accommodate lots of learning styles, we are losing the basics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Loss of focus in math education ■ Math is like learning to read- you need to earn the alphabet first, not rhymes - Has the district sent a message to Tumbler Ridge? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Likely not considering the upheaval - Reach-out to Elizabeth Klaiber - DPAC is good if you need a political outlet - Perhaps a better fit now with the previous chair gone - Link to all DPAC information and presentations: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RJrCJkJTPAieKqET8IG3P317e mlzaj6J?usp=drive_link 	KR	7:21-7:29
<p>6. Garden Club Update (5 min)</p>	RW	7:30-7:39

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - West Coast Seeds fundraiser just closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hopefully seeds will arrive before spring break - Less money than previous runs - Indigenous Garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raised bed between the two playgrounds - Plants incoming - Kids will spread mulch - 2 classes per month april-June - 5-6 parents who volunteer on Fridays 1-3pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet at the raised beds - Ms Tso gets teachers to sign-up - Potato seeds approved - Volunteers for succession planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children to age-out of school in next 2 years - Desire to keep the gardens running and thriving! - Get more kids involved? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possibly recruit from Templeton to mentor? - Outdoor education programme - Earth Bites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-profits to help bolster the education - What does the Garden Club do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plant things that are in season, arts and crafts, tasting - Maintain over the summer - Suggestions to get "Garden Club" aprons so kids actually know who they're working with 		
<p>7. Hot Lunch Update (3 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some special lunches coming up - Always need more volunteers - - question from a parent about adding new vendors? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No capacity this year to add more - UNLESS we get more volunteers specific to hot lunch, then we could look at adding more vendors 	MJ	7:36-7:39
<p>8. Spring Movie Night (5 Mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● April 24 ● Healthier snacks 	TW	7:39-7:40
<p>9. Spring Fair (5mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dillon unable to attend, notes sent in advance - 1 hour timeslots for the volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would this make it easier for more people to volunteer? - Suggestion to make the timeslots 3-4, 4-5, 5-7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The fair is busiest 3-5, so it's less overwhelming to volunteer for just 1 hour in that time - Maybe say that the class whose parents volunteer most will earn a party? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not a great idea for accessibility and parents who cannot take time off work, etc. 	EL (DA)	7:40-7:45

<p>10. Child Care Capacity in schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is very hard for teachers in the school district to find OOSC, particularly in the morning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No flexibility in their schedule from 8am-3:05pm - Holly has started a letter-writing campaign to school trustees and the provincial minister of education - The current OOSC has years-long waitlists, and might never get a spot - Holly has met with Jennifer Reddy, school trustee, and will meet with Nicki Sharma, MLA - EAs are not paid during the summer months and want work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Childcare could be a great option - This is a staff retention issue - School amendment Bill 19 - Asking PAC to disseminate the information and the letter-writing campaign - VSB does not want to change, so must be embarrassed into action - District-wide issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presumably province-wide - Contracts with current daycare providers - Space is a big issue - VSB is all about real estate - Other ways to make it work? How best to advocate? - Parent from zoom as experience with advocacy and will help - 	<p>HC</p>	<p>7:45-7:55</p>
<p>11. Communications / Other items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Volunteering for the exec: Treasurer, Co-Chair, Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The PAC cannot run next year without a treasurer. ○ Emily's tenure as co-chair is up January 2027, hoping to get a volunteer to shadow for the first 4 months of the 2026/27 school year ○ Job descriptions for the positions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Basically can be whatever you want it to be, so long as it's helpful ● Door prize draw ● April 16 next meeting 	<p>EL, TW</p>	<p>7:55-8:00</p>
<p>Action items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email to recruit more hot lunch volunteers - Follow-up with the school board grounds re: invoice for bike racks - Send donation to Tumbler Ridge - Purchase 2 cash drawers - Contact Mr Boyle for more information about the neuro-affirming speaker - Create a fund at Donald's that families in need can use? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could use the earnings from the Donald's gift card drive to support the fund - Purchase aprons with "Garden Club" on them - Add link to Holly's letter-writing campaign to minutes, emails 		

