

PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11, 2026

Time: 6:36 PM – 7:13 PM

Duration: 38 minutes

Attendance

Jessica Edwards (Chair) Brandy (Vice Chair) Jessica Armstrong (Treasurer) Claudette (Secretary, DPAC)
Donna Arnold (Principal) Also in attendance: 1 parent

1. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

November Minutes

Approved.

First: Jessica Edwards

Second: Jessica Armstrong

February Agenda

Approved.

First: Claudette

Second: Jessica Armstrong

3. Chair Report

- Pancake breakfast plans changed due to December flooding in Sumas.
 - Mr. and Mrs. Claus visited classrooms with gifts. The Grinch also made an appearance.
 - Reminder: No refunds will be issued for hot lunch mix-ups. Students should speak up at the time of error.
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4. Principal Report

General Updates

- Interim reports have been released. Families are encouraged to contact classroom teachers with questions.
- Early dismissal at the end of the month for teachers to use time in lieu of paper interns.
- Pro-D Day this Friday, no school.
- Monday is Family Day.

- February 25 is Pink Shirt Day for anti-bullying.

Parking Lot & Safety

- Reminder email being resent to families Friday, with an update coming Thursday.
- Staff continue reminding drivers to park in Bolton.
- District and City will repaint lines when weather improves.
- School advocating for a stop sign at Walden Park to create a two-way stop.
- A mirror was requested to improve visibility.

School Clubs

- Strong participation in Grades 4 and 5 clubs, potential to expand to other grades.
- Lunch clubs: Garden Club, Chess Club, Library Club.
- After school clubs: Dungeons and Dragons, sports teams, band.
- Garden Club is open to all ages.
- Garden Club needs a parent next year and Jessica Armstrong agreed to make a flyer to post for parents advertising this.
- Students are also developing their own rock digging club and constructing along the fence line.

January Review

- January was busy with firm reinforcement of behaviour expectations.
 - Progressive discipline approach in place.
 - Students complete “Think Sheets” to reflect on behaviour.
 - Think Sheets include reflection on what happened, feelings, impact, alternative choices, and restitution.
 - Signatures reinforce accountability and commitment to improved choices.
 - Sheets help track patterns and inform family discussions.
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5. DPAC Report

- DPAC met with the Superintendent for three hours regarding enrollment and facilities review.
- Town hall and survey feedback shared.
- PACs encouraged to promote public consultation link.
- Parent education session on sexual health scheduled for February 19 (online).
- Next DPAC meeting February 26 (hybrid). Open to anyone interested.

- Deepak submitted a proposed resolution advocating for:
 - Guaranteed K to 3 EA staffing
 - Provincial EA training standards
 - Funding for EA support and extracurricular access
 - Advocacy focuses on ensuring students who require EAs can participate fully in extracurricular activities.
 - 31 unfilled EA positions district-wide.
 - UFV career fair advertised EA positions at \$31.95 per hour.
 - Recruitment efforts now targeting high schools.
 - District-wide inclusion framework in development.
 - Proposed ADHD working group.
 - Continued collaboration with Foundry to expand youth mental health supports.
 - Provincial funding changes expected to negatively impact many families with ASD diagnosis.
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6. Treasurer Report

- Main Account Balance: \$17,500
- Gaming Account Balance: \$43.69

Motion

Move \$800 from last year's Grade 5 hoodie reimbursement to the current Grade 5 account.
Seconded and approved.

Christmas Recap

- Pancake breakfast canceled due to flooding, saving approximately \$3,000.
 - Funds redirected to cookies, staff gifts, espresso machine, kettle, and other items.
 - Staff expressed appreciation for gifts.
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7. Requests and Reimbursements

- Ms. McCarron eligible for reimbursement of educational items, not gaming-related purchases.
- Reimbursement requests must be emailed to the PAC email with details and approximate costs.
- Soil costs will be covered.
- Little Mountain may provide discounted materials for Garden Club.

- PAC must now collect physical receipts. Invoices from the school are no longer sufficient.
- Individual voting required for gaming expenditures.

Motion

Approve \$250 from Gaming Funds for Winship's field trip busing costs due to flood-related cancellation and rescheduling.

Motion passed.

Child Youth Care Worker Request

- Emily McLean requested \$175.10 in sensory items and prizes.

Motion

Allocate up to \$200 from the Main Account for these purchases.

Motion passed.

8. Open Floor

- Suggestion of a Gaga Ball pit.
 - Lack of swings on intermediate side discussed.
 - Current playground area was previously grass with long jump pit and garden.
 - Previous gazebo discussions stalled due to cement pad concerns.
 - Field trips remain priority for funding this year.
 - Annie performance: Evening shows — doors at 6:00 PM, show at 6:30 PM.
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9. Next Meeting

March 11, 2026 6:30PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.