

Wednesday September 17th, 2025

## September PAC Meeting Minutes

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Start Time: 15:01

Attendees: Lexi (President), Melissa (Treasurer), Kelsie (Secretary), Tyler O, Shay W, Josee G, Carmen J, Clea R.

Online: Brandon M. Nicole.

Teacher(s): Sandra M.

Carmen motions to approve June 2025 minutes. Melissa seconds.

### **Principal's Report ( See attached).**

#### *Additional Discussion*

- Funds \$2000 short from 2024.2025 School year.
- Consider sliding scale or sponsor a student for student fees.
- Ultimately not a PAC issue.
- Recycle being dropped off at Kindergarten door again, who will collect this year?
- Melissa needs to ensure acct at depot still coming to PAC.
- Meadowbrae and Switchcraft donated \$175 to school. Sandra plans to use towards Grade 7/8 trip Kamloops trip to residential school. Trip is \$1000. ( \$500 bussing, \$500 admission. PAC was aware of money incoming.
- Clea Mentions local showing of film by Louis Thomas "Though the Eyes of the Children" and "Fallen Feather" for Truth and Reconciliation.
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- LASS Program-Carmen will be organizing! Volunteers needed to ensure success. Will run Sept-Dec, and Jan-June for volunteering. Clea mentions some barriers in past are likely not an issue as school more structured. Carmen mentions that usually a donation to program of around \$200 is expected.
- Proposal for outdoor structure by Sandra-cost effective and high priority and aligns with school survey to support outdoor learning.

### **Treasurer's Report (See attached).**

### **Teacher's Report**

*None, no teacher*

### **New Business**

Demilles offer via Serena to supply with Thanksgiving boxes (\$5 profit to school per box).

Additional details needed regarding organizing, sorting and order.



Melissa to follow up.

Kelsie nominates Tyler Offer as Vice President, Shay seconds. Vote passed all in favour.

### **Follow up from Last Meeting**

Previously voted on swing set will not be installed. Did not meet district standards. New quote for swing set plus install 22K. Work cannot be done by parents unless hand tools. Insurance issue.

Fundraising options of Purdy's - may be open to PAC as not assigned to any class.

Outdoor school survey results shared with teachers at last day of school by Sandra and Jen Finley. Meeting reestablished goals of staff, teachers agreed that a portion of daily learning will occur outdoors. No set time, and not quantified at this time. Teachers emotional reporting they are struggling to teacher outdoors with limited supports.

- Parents asking if there is space for volunteers to support staff in outdoor spaces?
- Tyler comments that a framework that adjusts for more time outside in good weather and less when inclement.
- Sandra comments that it is a hard ask for teachers too provide more time outside. Pressure felt by staff that their efforts are not valued, and it is a challenge to meet academic needs while achieving outdoor time.
- Tyler asks what sets our school apart? Are we comparable to others? And all other manage expectations we need a guide.
- Sandra comments that this is an ongoing conversation. And adds that every staff meeting has an agenda item exploring outdoor learning, Sandra will include these in her principals report.
- PAC asks Sandra to request that teachers identify barriers and identify any supports needed to help them with outdoor learning delivery.

Basket Raffle Fundraiser-Will be organized by Shay for winter fundraiser.

*Melissa will apply for gaming license for same.*

### **Next Meeting**

October 6, 2025 @ 3pm.

Kelsie to do survey to explore interest in alternate PAC meeting times in increase participation. Considering monthly with every 3rd on zoom, evening option?

**Tabled**

- Hot lunch change
- Spring Fling
- Additional Fundraising options

Meeting adjourned: 4:36PM





## Principal's Report – South Canoe

- Off to a good start! All staffing in place and 151 kids enrolled.
- Last year we were short by \$2000 in student fees...so far we have been doing well collecting from families.
- Question about the can recycling (Armstrong) has come up. Is this something the PAC will be doing again this year?
- Big thank you to Meadow Brae and S'witchcraft for donating \$175 to our school which we will be using to partially fund our upcoming Div 6 & Div 7 trip to the Kamloops Residential School
- PAC/parent communication (see Donna's "Guidelines for Communication" emailed home to all families) and recall our process for South Canoe best practices in communication.
  - Define the concern(s)
  - Clarify the issue
  - Develop an understanding of each other's point of view
  - Summarize the information in writing
  - Commit to resolution
  - Resolve the concern(s)
- LASS and our primary teachers are hoping to begin the One-to-One Reading Program again at South Canoe. We will be advertising for interested parents to get the training soon.
- Volleyball (grade 6/7/8) will be starting up soon.
- Pumpkin Walk might include a "Halloween Hop" if the student leadership kids have anything to say about it 😊
- Thanks to Michelle for stepping up to organize the Gear Swap!
- I am very excited to be attending the upcoming conference:





September 11, 2025



### Proposal for Outdoor Shelter Installation on ALR School Site

We propose the installation of a durable outdoor shelter designed to support all-weather learning and dining for students. The structure consists of two 20-foot treated wooden poles supporting a steeply pitched, weather-resistant tarp in natural tones of green or brown, ensuring effective snow shedding and visual harmony with the surrounding environment. The shelter is sized to accommodate two large picnic tables and meets the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) requirements for temporary, non-permanent structures. This design prioritizes student safety, accessibility, and long-term usability, making it a suitable and sustainable addition to our outdoor learning space.

The location for the proposed shelter would be in the "kindergarten play area" adjacent to the fence along 60<sup>th</sup> street. The PAC and parent community have fundraised and are ready to move forward with this project as a high priority to support our school's program.



#### Estimated Material Costs

Item	Description	Estimated Cost (CAD)
Poles (2 x 20ft)	Pressure-treated wood or metal	\$300-\$600
Tarp (heavy-duty, 20x30ft or larger)	Weather-resistant, UV-treated, natural tones	\$150-\$300
Ropes & Guy Lines	Nylon or polypropylene, with tensioners	\$50-\$100
Anchoring Hardware	Stakes, carabiners, brackets	\$50-\$100
Miscellaneous (bolts, washers, etc.)	For securing tarp and poles	\$25-\$50

**Total Estimated Cost: \$575-\$1,150 CAD**

## Treasurer's Report

September 17<sup>th</sup> 2025

### Current banking amounts

General Account has \$7752.26

Gaming Account has \$5736.38

### Recap of last year

We raised \$10,775.00 (excluding expenses) through fundraising and the government gaming grant.

Some of the highlights include:

- a. \$2,840.00 gaming grant
- b. \$2,231.01 spring fling
- c. \$2,454.00 basket raffle
- d. \$1299.10 bottle drive

We spent \$6572.95, some highlights include:

- a. \$1,800.00 teacher supports
- b. \$1,142.03 information board
- c. \$1499.72 school jerseys
- d. \$781.11 ukuleles
- e. \$504.00 porta potty at Klahani

We retained a surplus of \$4,204.55 from last year

### Notes for this year

1. Gaming grant was submitted last June, which will be \$3,000.00 if approved
2. Annual gaming summary needs to be completed by the end of September
3. Signing authorities need to be updated at SASCU
4. A budget will be submitted for discussion and approval at next pac meeting
5. Swings – discussion and decision later in the agenda