

In Attendance:

PAC Members: Kim Leifso (Co-President), Sandra Young (Co-President), Angela Sawatzky (Treasurer), Renee Arbo (Secretary), Kerri Sketchley

Staff: Mr. Harris

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Co-President, Kim Leifso

Welcome & Introductions & Land acknowledgement

Minutes: The minutes of the September 2025 meeting were adopted.

Principal's Report (J. Harris) - 7:10 PM

- Mr. Harris and his wife are having a baby in February.
- Action plan for learning
 - o School vision
 - o School goals
 - o Unified actions
- Resource assessed Grade 8s with DIBels: common assessment, easy to use, 1 minute timed reading.
 - o 71% in Grade 8 at risk of challenges with basic literary skills requiring small group intervention.
 - o Tier 3 interventions during tutorial 3 times per week
 - o Need elementary intervention
- How do we build background knowledge in the classroom
 - o Invite students to think about and share their prior knowledge: anticipation guides, KWL charts
 - o Share short clips or videos to build background knowledge
 - o Display caption-less pictures: What do you notice? What do you wonder?
 - o Read short articles or pieces of literature that further build student understanding
 - o Use music, podcasts, short essays or new clips to provide informational, historical or cultural context
- School improvement day - Hannah Beach
 - o Emphasis on the need for emotional safety and connection in supporting students with anxiety
 - o Look behind the behaviour especially at the high school level
- Projects for 2025/26
 - o New flooring on 2nd floor
 - o Phase to of front of school
 - o Fields services 2x per year
 - o New tech added - 2 laptop carts
 - o New tech for resource dept.
 - o New murals
 - o New furniture in classrooms and courtyard
 - o New resources for reading interventions
 - o New school legacy project tv
 - o New lighting upgrades to both gyms
 - o More flexible hallway furniture
- Leadership class students asked to have the school dance : kids sold tickets, 18 staff volunteered, 364 students, no DJ just music, so many positive parent emails
- Remembrance Day assemblies are on November 7th

Co-President's Report (K. Leifso & S. Young) - 7:50 PM

- Doughnuts and card from Tisha were given to us as a thank you for helping with the BCCPAC

Treasurer's Report (A. Sawatzky) - 7:53 PM

- New accounts at Coast Capital
- Langley School District Foundation - set up for PAC donations

DPAC Report – currently we do not have a DPAC rep

New Business 8:20 PM

- 3 teacher gaming funds requests
 - Athletics \$2500 for uniforms. Tabled for now because there is already \$2500 in the yearly budget for athletics
 - Burnadette Drayers, librarian \$845 for a computer for students to browse catalog
 - Kerri motion to be approved. Renee 2nd. Approved by vote
 - Music department \$3800 for Surrey Jazz Festival fees
 - Motion from Renee to make a standing item yearly for music of \$2500. 2nd by Sandra to Be added to the budget
 - Motion for request for the \$3800 for music request. Angela motioned for \$1300 balance remaining. 2nd by Kerri. Approved by vote
- BCCPAC membership
 - Sandra motions to join through DPAC, Angela 2nds it. Approved by vote.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8.48 PM by Kim.

Upcoming Meetings

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| ● November 24, 2025 | ● February 23, 2026 |
| ● January 27, 2026 | ● April 28, 2026 |
| | ● May 25, 2026 - AGM |

Meetings are held at 7 PM in the Library Learning Commons. Hope to see you there!

PAC MEETING MINUTES ARE POSTED ON THE DW POPPY WEBSITE