

**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 literacy 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.

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**Upcoming Meetings**

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

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

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