

DW POPPY SECONDARY

PAC Meeting Minutes | Thursday, September 24, 2026

In attendance	PAC members: Renee Arbo (President), Angela Sawatzky (Treasurer), Marilyn Ruiz, Sara Borck
Staff	Mr. Harris

Call to Order — 7:03 PM

The meeting was called to order by Renee Arbo.

Welcome, Introductions & Land Acknowledgement

Minutes

The minutes of the September 2026 meeting were adopted.

Principal's Report — 7:07 PM

- **Staffing**
 - 14 new staff members
 - Some growth and changes
 - Ms. Chila got married
 - Ms. Goldsmith got married and is expecting a baby
 - Five new teachers from TWU
 - Staff photos
 - Department leads and admin team for this year
- The Action Plan for Learning is available on the website
- Power of connection and a sense of belonging
- **Warmth and firmness = caring leadership**
 - Leave every student/person better after each interaction.
- Terry Fox fundraiser, including a teacher pie-in-the-face activity
- Projects: photo

President's Report — 7:34 PM (R. Arbo)

- Volunteers are needed
- Charity ticket night at Willowbrook has started

Treasurer's Report — 7:40 PM (A. Sawatzky)

- Update on the two bank accounts: General and Gaming
- Christmas treat day budget: \$300 plus donations
- Year-end staff treat day budget: \$1,200
- Bus driver treat day budget: \$150

- Two scholarships at \$500 each; total budget: \$1,000

DPAC Report — 7:46 PM

There is currently no DPAC representative.

Old Business

- Continue building relationships with feeder schools

New Business — 7:47 PM

- December 10 staff meeting: teacher treat day
- Teachers must communicate fund requests to PAC and receive approval before spending. Requests will not be reimbursed without prior approval.
- **Next meeting dates:**
 - Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM
 - Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 PM
- Share PAC information for everyone to see; send Google Drive access to Angela

Meeting Adjournment — 8:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

PAC meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the Library Learning Commons. Hope to see you there!

PAC meeting minutes are posted on the DW Poppy website.