

Peter Ewart Middle School PAC meeting minutes

Date: Friday, September 26 2025

Total attendance: 20

Voting members: 11

Admin: Stephanie Labby

The meeting was called to order by Chelsea at 9:19am, noting that we respectfully acknowledge we work and learn on the traditional, ancestral and uncoded territories of the Matsqui, Kwatlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations.

A brief round of introductions was provided.

Motion to accept meeting agenda, passed by Jory and Candice.

May meeting minutes: Motion to adopt may minutes will occur at our next PAC meeting .

Principles Report:

National Day of truth and Reconciliation:

In recognition of then National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we are holding a school-wide assembly today to honour the lost childcare and survivors of residential schools, along with their families and communities. This important gathering provided an opportunity for reflection, learning an a shared commitment to reconciliation.

Terry Fox Run:

This event will take place on October 10th during school hours. Students will walk or run a designated route around the school grounds and nearby area to raise awareness and funds for cancer resect.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Parent teacher interviews will take place on October 22nd from 2:00pm-4:30pm and October 23 from 2:00pm-7:30pm. Both days are early dismissal days where students will be dismissed 1 hour early. An email will be sent home to book interviews using School Appointments.

Retakes Picture Day: Retakes will take place on October 14th in the morning.

Halloween Dance: The PAC is putting on a Halloween Dance for our students on October 28th from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Some reminders: Cell phones are not allowed. Students can use office phones if they need to contact parents. If cell phones are brought, they will be put in an envelope with the students name on it and locked in the office until after the dance.

Costume's cannot have any weapons or replica weapons. Masks are not allowed.

No ins and outs. Once students are at the dance they cannot leave and come back.

Finally, this dance is for PEMS students only. Students need to bring their student ID (this was sent home after picture day) or some other form of identification that will be shown before entering the dance.

Student are allowed to dress up at school on October 31st. Again, costumes cannot include weapons or replica weapons. Masks are not allowed.

GaGa ball pit was just installed. Ground prep work need to happen before second GaGa ball pit will be installed.

Other important dates:

Sept 26- Assembly for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Sept 29- School improvement day (students do not attend)

Sept 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (stat holiday, school is closed)

Oct 05- World Teacher Day

Oct 10- Terry Fox Run

Oct 13- thanksgiving Monday (Stat holiday, school is closed)

Oct 14- Photo Retakes

Oct 22- Parent/Teacher interviews (1 hour early dismissal)

Oct 23- Parent/Teacher interviews (1 hour early dismissal)

Oct 24- Professional Development Day (Students do not attend)

Oct 28- PAC Halloween Dance 6:00pm-8:00pm

Treasurer Report: Amanda

Budget approval : Budget was discussed based on prior notes. Hot lunch donations for lunch, \$500.00 donated for lunches, goes further to students in need . Closing on term bases \$500.00 initially. Paula noted that we received \$87.00 in donations from our first hot lunch .

Chelsea- we will need to re assess and add as donations come in for hot lunches .

Jory - changes in how money is distributed in how money is used , money comes out of donor funded account. Donations are taken on the hot lunch site . Donated in different amounts , each lunch has a donation option for those wanting to make a donation.

Paula has set this up on the hot lunch website, there have been a lot of \$2.00 donations.

Amanda suggested that \$500.00 would be a good amount to start for hot lunch donations. Amanda also noted that Teachers will need to provide receipts to receive reimbursement cheques.

Playground- 5000? No room for playground at school, where would it go. Suggestion- Mrs.Labby: money put into the school as play equip, buy in bulk

Budget approval motion to pass. Jory and Candice approved.

- \$500.00 for donations instead of \$1000. 00

DPAC Report: Kim

Special presentation by Colleen Hannah on truth and reconciliation director of instruction of indigenous education

Recommended books:

Shi shi etko - book about residential schools

Valley of the bird tale historical fiction

Mal- superintendent

Staffing feels way better this year

700+ students from Sept last year

Willoughby still the biggest growth

701 div 728 div Elem and middle

400 teachers hired 300 SEA and youth workers hired

8 classroom addition opened at Nickelmeckle

Lynn Fripps addition - 6 classrooms

New smith school - opening two years from now

LSS 12 classroom expansion

All schools have to have AED's - secondary by December in naloxone kit they are writing policies etc.
Staff are trained. And naloxone kits are kept in the staff rooms
Potential training for students

Gen 5 iPads removed and gen 6 iPads are going to have to be pulled even if paid by remedy
iPads are \$880 pc would be 811- PAC's will want to consider contributing

President's report

Crim checks, regularly reviewing budgets is important etc
Info@langleydpac.ca with any questions

Treasurer's report

Food safe money \$89- 4 a year for the school pay and then submit reimbursements

Parent education pot of money - up to \$50
rep update:

Grade 6 Rep Update: Meg

- Ford and Williamson- Field trips planned for Langley, indigenous presentation, Cypress Mountain in the new year, bus transport.. potential money from PAC.
- Budget - Teacher communication will come out with budget for field trips/buses
- General classroom allowance- \$250/class per year with receipt's can go to anything in class but must provide receipt in order to get reimbursement
- New field trip prep. Space .. Planetarium can come to the school. Potential help from the Pac help with the cost, \$620.00 per day and transportation \$120.00
- Would just be for Grade 6. PAC can possibly cover a portion, potentially asking families for or pull from field trip funds in budget.
- Possibly pay for families in need . Maybe a pop up sale to raise funds for it

Grade 8 Rep Update: Chelsea

-Working on hoodies also working on the Year End event.

Fundraising Projects:

Jory- Halloween Dance on October 28th.

Candy grahams: Christmas candy canes with messages. Leaders possibly helping with this.

Gift card fundraising. - Funscrip- order Gift cards on the website and each company will kick back 1-20% back to the school , funds can be e transferred to the school at end of the year.

Possibly at Christmas for this.

Hot Lunch Update: Paula

Making donations, as you purchase hot lunch. Paula noted that the new site working well.

Chelsea- Dance tickets- (parents have the option of purchasing dance tickets to donate to families in need while purchasing hot lunch)

Halloween Committee:

Chelsea- Volunteers are needed, chaperones are needed at the dance

Pumpkin carving contest -Mrs.Labby is on board, children who wanted to participate would be asked to bring pumpkins into the gym the last week of October . Pumpkins must be pre-carved, no carving will take place at the school. Pumpkins would be used for decor at dance. No pumpkins given to students, parents must take pumpkins home, to avoid pumpkin smashing and reckless pumpkin behaviour.

Possible prizes for best carved pumpkins. Student can take the pumpkins back home or they can be donated

Photo Booth : Chelsea noted that is we move ahead with a photo booth digital files would be sent to parents . The cost would be around \$490.00 for 3 hours only 2 hours would be required for the dance. Dance typically generate enough money to cover the cost of the DJ and Photo Booth . Most profit would come from concession .

Vote for photo booth and DJ was unanimously voted in favour of both.

Jory- constitution review- Update to make changes for committee to review

New Business:

Chelsea- Spirit wear gr 8 hoodie will be done by 9 block,

Spirit wear- Amanda : Mojo T's - Langley meadows area. (Potential spirit wear for upcoming years)

Willing to do bulk orders , local ,

Chelsea mentioned Pros and cons list for all three companies to compare pricing and shipping we will vote on this at the next PAC meeting,

RT Joe 3rd company for quotes.

Amanda-

Babysitting course: Gaining interest, talk to admin, possibly on a pro d day potential for potential dates.

Oct 28 Halloween Dance

Dec10 Pancake breakfast - We will need a lot of volunteers for this. PJ day will also be on this day

Next PAC meeting Thursday October 17 at 9:00 am in the band room

Adjournment :

Chelsea - 10:31 am