

**RC Garnett Demonstration Elementary School
Parents' Advisory Council General Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting for May 19th, 2026**

We acknowledge the unceded traditional territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo and Matsqui First Nations on which we work, play and learn.

Attendees	
Claire Burns	Principal
Christie Salter	Vice President
Andre	Treasurer
Paula Harling	MAL
Natalie Nandan	President
Greg Bergerman	Secretary
Ashley Lindbo	MAL
Reeta Shandril	Past President
Regrets	
Chad Ludbrook	MAL – Hot Lunch

1	Welcome and Introductions (Natalie Nandan)
2	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: approve the agenda for regular meeting May 19th, 2026 Motion: Natalie Second: Andre Oppose: None
3	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: to approve the minutes of the AGM Minutes on April 20th, 2026 • Motion: Natalie • Second: Greg • Oppose: None
4	<p>Treasurer's Report (Andrei Chaplygin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pac's gaming grant application was filed, and the PAC is currently waiting to hear back for approval which should be near the end of September 2026. <p>Motion to Approve the 2 Budgets (Gaming Budget, and Pac General Account Budget)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Andrei • Second: Natalie • Oppose: None
5	<p>Principal's Report (Ms. Burns)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school received the 3 RCG branded tents, Thank you PAC!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school is celebrating Speak out! This event is about public speaking and writing for grades 3 and above. Students were given the opportunity to speak in front of the school. This year had many participants. • Jump rope for heart was a huge success. This event was supported and organized in the students' gym classes. REMSS students volunteered to help with the event. • New spaces were created under the stairwells, which focuses on creativity, relaxation, and mindfulness. • Looking forward to the new school jerseys for track and sporting events have arrived, and will be put to good use in the upcoming track meet • Math Bee is coming up May 25th-29th • Welcome to Kindergarten May 27th • Emergency Preparedness Drills – May 28th The day will be run in 4 parts including a re-unification part at the end of the day for certain grade 1 classes. Emails will be sent out to parents to indicate if your child's class is part of the final portion of the emergency preparedness drills. • Year End Event – Friday June 12th • REMSS Grad Walk – June 18th • Sports Day – June 19th • Updates The school will remain with 27 divisions for population Fewer split classes- anticipating a K-1 and a 1-2 Reminder about class placement requests – The school does not promise any requests and the school does their best to create balanced classrooms The school is trying to attain a music teacher Retirements: Anna Koett, Resource Teacher Maternity Leaves: Rachel Herle, Grade 1 Teacher New Hiring: Megan Fianza SEA staffing continues to have the biggest changes. • Hot Lunch News there were 14 hot lunches in the 25/26 school year, and there are 13 school dates for next year that would work for the PAC. • There will be changes to the booking system to book spaces so ensuring PAC's dates for events are requested well in advance. There was a discussion around certain events, and some dates were blocked off for the Halloween dance, the YEE, and sports day. • QUESTION From CLAIRE There was a request to move next year's PAC meetings to another night. PAC would discuss and get decide at a later date.
6	<p>Hot Lunch Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chad was unable to make the meeting, and therefore he had no news to share. Apparently, youth baseball is more interesting than PAC meetings this time of year.
7	<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no old business to discuss.
8	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Applications There was a discussion around the 3 applicants for the scholarship. A winner was chosen and will be notified.
9	<p>Next Meeting Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD
9	<p>Adjournment The Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM</p>