

**Shortreed Community Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council - Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 16th, 2025 at 6:30pm – School Library**

1. Call to order at 6:30pm by Jodi Stiglic

In attendance: Ben Lanteigne, Kaelin Nelson, Ashley Buzzard, Jennifer Cooksley, Kyla Des Mazes, Susan Ngo, Paula Halvorson, Krista Shuryn, Jodi Stiglic, Chris Wejr, Michelle Gill, Devon Maxwell

2. Welcome & Introductions

We acknowledge that Shortreed Community School is located on the traditional, unceded territory of the Matsqui First Nation

3. Establish Quorum

4. Approval of October 2025 Agenda

Motion to approve: Paula; Seconded by: Jen; All in Favour

5. Approval of September 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve: Ashley; Seconded by: Ben; All in Favour

6. Principal / Administration report

Mr. Wejr / Mrs. Gill

a) Terry Fox Run

- i. Good turnout; we got approx. \$2500 in donations
- ii. Mrs. Gill commented that it was special to witness the Terry Fox Run at our school, as her previous experience had been different. It was fun to cheer on the students

b) Grade 5 Soccer

- i. Played 2 games so far, and won both
- ii. We are looking to get more cleats for players
- iii. 2 staff members and 1 parent are coaching the team

c) Cross-Country

- i. So far, we have a few students heading to the championships
- ii. We will find out tomorrow whether there are more athletes from our school going
- iii. Finalists are chosen from the Top 10 finishers

d) “Take one, Leave One” Halloween Costume Exchange

- i. There will be a rack of costumes available for anyone who needs a costume
- ii. Toddler sizes available

e) Free Coats and Boots

- i. The Catholic church across the street has collected many coats and boots, and has given them to us, to distribute to Shortreed families.
- ii. Please take something. We have lots. We will make sure no one goes without
- iii. Langley Foundation is also holding a clothing drive

f) Remembrance Day

- i. The Aldergrove Legion is once again working with our grade 5 students to make Stone Poppies. These will be laid in Aberdeen Cemetery

- ii. The purpose of this program is to honour and recognize local impact, and to show students it is not something to be scared of
- iii. Students will recite In Flanders Field and We Remember Them
- iv. The Legion will pay for a bus to transport the Gr 5 students to the cemetery

g) School Action Plan

- i. Action Plans for Learning are created at every school, on an annual basis
- ii. Goals outline what a school will do over a school year to intentionally support student learning
- iii. Shortreed's Goals include: Intellectual Development, Human & Social Development, and Career Development
- iv. You can read about the Shortreed's Action Plan for Learning here:
<https://media.sd35.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/shortreed-community-elementary.6de8581685.pdf>

Question: Will there be any swimming lessons for Grade 3s this year?

Answer: The hope is to get the program back this year. Aldergrove Community Schools Coordinator, Stephanie Eby, will provide more information about this program at a later date. The program was cancelled last year due to renovations in the lap pool at the community centre.

Question: Is there some sort of Financial Literacy program for the students at our school?

Answer: There is a parent who works in the financial sector who has come to speak to the students in our Grade 4 and 5 classes, but it's not in our curriculum

7. Executive and Committee reports

President – Jodi Stiglic

No report

Vice-President – Kyla Des Mazes

No report

Treasurer – Krista Shurn

End of September Chequing account: \$49,453.68

End of September Gaming account: \$5,666.37

Motion to increase Books line by \$200, from \$2,200 to \$2,400

Rationale: Allot \$100 for each new division (total 22 divisions + ELL and Music)

Motioned by: Kyla; Seconded by: Kaelin; All in favour

Secretary – Susan Ngo

No report

Fundraising – Ashley Buzzard

So far, we have approx. \$700 in Neufeld orders

Purdy's will launch Nov 4th. Orders will be due Nov 17th. Pick up will be Nov 27th

Flyers for fundraisers will be put in classroom windows, with QR code, so families can see them at pick up/drop off. For portables, plastic sheet protectors will be posted to door

Question: Will there be a plant sale? Interest was expressed for poinsettias and wreaths

Answer: Ashley will look into this, as feedback from previous plant sale was not positive

Brainstorm about other fundraisers
Movie Nights are challenging, same as Dance Parties
More Pop-Up Treat Sales (have themes, stickers, candy bags, hot chocolate in the winter)
Game Nights, Kids Karaoke, Silent Auction (Kaelin will reach out to potential donors)

Communications Coordinator – Kaelin Nelson

Please send anything you'd like to put in the November newsletter

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator – Jodi Stiglic

Have not purchased water yet; we need more for all students

Hot Lunch Coordinator – Kyla Des Mazes

Thanks to Ben and Krista for helping distribute Subway hot lunches
Please read item descriptions carefully, as there are many choice options
We have 374 orders for Cobs Treat Day, next week
Tasha and Ashley will help distribute hot lunch on Nov 5

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Rep – Susan Ngo

DPAC Execs toured the new Langley school, Josette Dandurand Elementary, as well as the modular extension at Lynn Fripps Elementary
DPAC held a special presentation with Parliamentarian, Megan Dykeman on Oct 15th
Next DPAC meeting is Thursday, Oct 23rd

Members at Large – Jennifer Cooksley, Paula Halvorson

No report

Bylaws Committee – Jodi, Susan, Paula

Have not met yet

Shelter Committee – Jen, Jodi, Susan

As per Mr. Wejr: Sonny Saggu (District facilities) has taken over the project, and has been detail-oriented. He is now working with Mrs. Tarasoff on this.

Question: Does the shelter need to be a specific distance from the fence?

Answer: There needs to be about 7.5 meters of space, so some of the logs may need to be moved over a bit

Fun Fair Coordinator – Aly Gallagher (*absent*)

No report

8. Unfinished Business

- Fundraising Ideas:
 - communication board (Jodi)
 - Email has been sent to Mrs. Russel to ensure consistency in design around school
 - Also, we would like to get feedback from Mrs. Schneider, our SLP
 - new storage bin (Susan)
 - Listed companies that could potentially supply sea-can
 - ★ Cube It (only does rentals, at \$7/day)
 - ★ Fort Modular (no quote given yet, awaiting estimate on delivery)
 - ★ Big Steel Box \$4,045 (+ delivery of about \$700 for crane delivery)
 - ★ Custom Cubes \$10,987 (includes taxes and tilt deck delivery – quote honoured for 3 days, requires 50% deposit, 11-13 weeks to deliver)
- Quote given on Oct 14th, based on Market pricing. Will need to revise

- Suggestion of buying from Able Auctions, as they sometimes sell for \$2000
 - water fountain by the gym (Krista)
 - A plumber came by and offered 2 options, which would cost between \$4,500 - \$5,500, depending on where we choose to install the water fountain
 - The school may be able to pay for half the cost
 - mural
 - Devon shared his inspiration and discussed his vision of the mural, proposed for the NE corner of the school (outside of room 105)
- Halloween Haunted Gym

There will be a call out for decorations and volunteers later this week, to help with setting up the night before (Oct 30th, after school), and on the morning of Halloween

2 Staff members have bravely volunteered to handle the animals from Wild Education
- Dollar Sale

We will start accepting donations on Monday, Nov 3rd

Buddy with a Truck declined to take our leftovers

Kyla reached out to Life's Second Chance Thrift Store in Abbotsford, awaiting reply

Toy Central will come to help sort toy donations

Flyers are being made to advertise around the community

Brainstormed how we can offer "stuff a box" promotion (re: size of box, when to start)

9. New Business

- None

10. Next Meeting

Thursday, November 13th at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm by Jodi Stiglic