

Peter Ewart Middle School PAC meeting minutes

Date: Thursday January 29th, 2026

Total attendance: 9

Voting members: 9

Admin: Stephanie Labby

The meeting was called to order by Chelsea at 6:05pm, 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 Agenda: Passed by Amanda and Kim

Accept November meeting minutes: Passed by Kim and Jory

Principles Report:

Black History Month and Diversity Week:

In the upcoming month, students will participate in various activities celebrating Black History Month. During this month, students will engage in meaningful lessons and activities that highlight the incredible contributions, resilience, and achievements of Black Canadians and the global Black community. As well, next month, we will be celebrating Diversity and Respect Week. Diversity and Respect Week was established by the Langley Board of Education in 2017 as a means “to coincide with Pink Shirt Day in February to promote Awareness, Acceptance, Reconciliation, and Inclusion for all members of the school community.”

During Diversity and Respect Week (Feb. 23-27th) celebrations at PEMS students will take part in various activities in the classroom as we bring awareness to inclusion, acceptance, reconciliation and kindness. Pink Shirt Day is Feb. 25.

Battle for the Paddle Jan 28th:

-Wednesday, Jan 28th was Battle for the Paddle. This is a grade 8 basketball league game between Yorkson Creek and PEMS, which is played at RE Mountain during the day. All Grade 8 students were in attendance.

Grade 5 Visits:

We will be inviting our Grade 5 students from our four feeder schools to PEMS. They will experience a day in the life of a middle schooler led by our Grade 8 WEB mentors.

Bus Reminder (From the Transportation Department):

This is a reminder that students must ride the bus that they are assigned to. We are having issues with students who are assigned the first bus (7:40 a.m.) boarding the second bus (8:00 a.m.) If you have any questions or issues with the bus, please contact transportation and not the school directly.

Other Important Dates:

Feb. 9th Professional Development Day (Students do not attend)

Feb. 13th Design and Assessment Day/learning Update Prep (Students do not attend)

Feb. 16th Family Day (School is closed)

Feb. 23-27 Diversity Week

Feb. 25th Pink Shirt Day

Grade 7's will be going on their CAMP Field Trips May 4th and 5th. More information to follow later.

Treasurer Report: Amanda

Budget presented. Need to confirm the kick back amount from 9 Blocks for the Grade 8 hoodies. Chelsea to message Katrina.

DPAC Report: Kim

This month's meeting held a Program called "Open Parachute" a lot of great information was provided in this meeting.

Next DPAC meeting is Feb 19th and will be online.

Grade 6 Rep Update: Meg

Grade 6's are experiencing a lot of exciting field trips.

Grade 8 Rep Update: Trina

Confirming that the Grade 8 leadership team will do the Candy Gram Fundraiser for Valentines.

Fundraising Projects:

Mothers Day Hanging Baskets, The PAC has spent \$1000 to confirm 60 hanging baskets. These will be sold at \$30 each. We need to sell all 60 of them and will be looking at a profit of about \$450.

Christmas Candy Grams were exciting for the kids, 389 were sold for a total of \$778 with a profit of just over \$350. We will run this fundraiser again next Christmas. We may run one before the end of the school year. TBD

Hot lunch, Paula has added multiple Booster Juice Offerings to current lunch days to give parents a chance to use up a large volume of credits sitting in the system. Motion to move the remaining \$500 allocated to donate a lunch. Chelsea 1st, Paula 2nd. All in favour to move money.

Babysitting course scheduled for Friday February 13th is sold out. Amanda is looking at adding another one May 15th which is also a Pro D Day.

Spirit Wear, we have decided to use Artsy Joe for spirit wear. Paula is currently having him load a few logos so there will be a few options for ordering. This will be loaded on the Hot Lunch Site once its ready and we will do a batch order when we pass the cut off day.

Motion made to be able to vote on WhatsApp, there would be a motion and once that is approved the vote will be posted then there will be a 24-hour waiting period, vote will only be accepted once that time has lapsed to give all members enough time to decide.

Updates need to be made to the constitution before motion for What's App Voting can be established.

Kim is looking into the constitution and will present recommendations for updates.

Spring Dance will be held on Tuesday May 12th, 2026. Chelsea will book the DJ and Photo booth. There will be no specific theme for this dance other than spring.

Next PAC meeting Thursday, January 08 at 6:30pm in the band room

Adjournment :

Chelsea – 8:05pm

Next Meeting:

Friday February 20th 9:00AM in the band room.

Minutes Taken by Jory Threinen.