

Noel Booth Elementary School PAC

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 19 @ 6pm

PAC EXECUTIVES IN ATTENDANCE: Kara Geransky, Barb Puhacz, Laura Morgan, Ramya Nair

OTHER ATTENDEES: M. Malo, Alexandra Dix, Shawna Middleton, Holly Lake, Renee Dare, Shannon Bell

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Kara Geransky called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. Welcome

Chairperson Geransky welcomed all attendees.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the September 17th meeting were reviewed and approved by Barb and Ramya.

4. Principal's Report – Mr. Malo

- Halloween Carnival
 - Funds Raised: \$1,057
 - Future Outlook: Potential to become a new tradition
 - Feedback: Positive response from participants
- Trunk or Treat - Great success
- Remembrance Day assembly
 - First open to Parent; Strong parent support
 - Feedback from group - next year, provide more advance notice for parents
- Volleyball Season
 - Volleyball jamboree scheduled for next week
- SIC - Starting next week
- New Playground
 - Working through details with Canada Wholesalers
 - Goal: Break ground in February
 - Installation targeted by end of spring break
- Back Fence Question:
 - Can be opened in the morning?
 - Currently difficult to open and close
 - Safety risk if left open
 - Incident last year: fence fell on kids
 - Possible solution: move bins, currently pick-up is when school is not in service. Mr. Malo look into

5. Inquiry – Extending “Classroom Fund” to Resource Department

- Request:
 - Purchase pencil grips and safety vests for SEA's on supervision (approx. 6).
- Determined Process:
 - Each year, create a pooled fund.

- PAC will accept requests from all departments.
- Review and approve requests in January PAC Meeting

6. Gaga Pit

- Coach Cliff's Proposal:
 - Cost: \$4,272 USD (exclusive of duty/taxes, includes 25% surtax on metal/steel products)
 - Delivery: Direct to School District, within 5 days of purchase
 - Estimated Costs:
 - ~\$8,000 CAD pre-maintenance
 - ~\$2,000 CAD maintenance
 - Total ~10K CAD
 - Voted and Approved: Black Gaga Pit
- All in Recreation Inc (Ontario): Awaiting a quote
- Decision made to move forward with USA supplier and order

7. Trunk or Treat Review

- Fundraising Efforts
 - Attendance: ~400 kids
- Request for Sensory-Friendly Access
 - Proposal: Open 30–60 minutes early for children with sensory concerns (less busy environment).
 - Challenges:
 - No closed-off area to enforce.
 - Possible alternatives: allow entry during setup or towards the end.
 - Consideration: Explore spreading out the event to reduce crowding.

Notes for Next Year

- Bring back the Churrios.
- Keep burger station and concession.
- Consider not capping trunks and moving to larger parking lot

8. Financial Overview – Barb Puhacz

Trunk or Treat

- \$2,025 from Admission
- \$1,071 from Concession
- \$200 from Games

Expenditures

- Some costs coming in from classrooms

Totals

- Raised to date: **\$12,000**

Considerations

- May have additional funds in budget, Discussion to be had at next meeting around allocation including increasing the classroom funds and other department resource allocation

9. Movie Night

- Front Entrance: Barb & Ramya

- Tech Support: Barb & Trevor (Tech test scheduled for tomorrow)
- Concession Stand: Ramya, Kara & Carol
- Popcorn Station: Holly
- Runner: Trevor
- Grinch Tree Station: Laura (approximately 30 trees)
- Noel Photo Booth: Set-up done by Dream Day Designs
- Clean-Up Crew: TBD

10. Pancake Breakfast

Key Decisions

- Juice: Yes, we will provide juice.
- Format: Juice boxes (preferred over plastic cups).
- Photographs with Santa: Parents invited between 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM.
- Professional Photographer: Decided against due to privacy concerns

Volunteer Assignments

- Gym Set-Up: Holly & Grade 7 students
- Pancake Making: Shawna [Volunteers needed]
- Serving Crew: Laura, [Volunteers needed]
- Clean-Up Crew: [Volunteers needed]
- Post volunteer request on Facebook to recruit additional helpers

11. Hot Lunch and Treat Days

Hot Lunch Volunteers

November 28th – Booster Juice & Cobs

- Volunteers: Ramya, Volunteers needed

December 12th - Ming & Sing

- Volunteers: Laura, Volunteers needed

Treat Day Volunteers

- November 28 & December 12: Kara, Ramya

2026 Hot Lunch ideas:

For hot lunch suppliers in 2026, suggestions include Sushi and Pasta, Boston Pizza, India's Most Wanted, A&W, Domino's, McDonald's (new location), Subway, Mary Brown's, Fuel Catering, and traditional options like hot dogs, as well as exploring food trucks with pre-ordered meals. One idea is to release all supplier options at once so families can plan ahead.

12. Holiday Hampers

- Tree set up Monday, November 24th
 - 200 tags
 - Supporting 7 families
 - Donations accepted until December 12th
 - **Delivery Dates:** December 16–17

Toonie Drive (Dec 1–12):

- Prizes for top 3 fundraising classes
 - Rewards: Donut Party & Hot Chocolate Party for all three classes
 - Extra food items will be stored for Spring Food Drive (confirmed)
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13. Round Table

- Grade 7 Event Cookies & Milk on December 19th
 - Ask if NBE PAC had Township passes for Pool – Yes will give away for prizes later in the year
 - Asked about the plan for the wood fish on fence
 - Mr. Malo confirmed not associated with any program so could remove
 - Cost ~8K to do the formal program to replace
 - Another option is PAC could do own program with another shape
 - Will look at as could tie into new playground
 - Though need to be strategic about placement as current fish are on a fence that may be replaced in the future.
 - Expressed interest on beautification of School, Mr. Malo stated the school was looking at an outside Mural
 - Request made for Shaved Ice on Sport Days – June 19th
 - Formal Sports Days planning start in new year
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14. Next Meeting

- **Date:** January 21, 2026

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.