

In Attendance:

PAC Members: Kim Leifso (Co-President), Tyree Buchanan (Secretary), Doreen McIntyre (DPAC Rep), Kerri Sketchley, Angela Sawatzky

Staff: Mr. Harris

Guests: none at this meeting

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Co-President, Kim Leifso

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome & Introductions

Minutes: The minutes of the February 2025 meeting were adopted.

Principal's Report (J. Harris)

- Building Projects completed/underway/coming to Poppy:
 - o Field improvements – improvements made
 - o Front of school renovations Phase 1 is complete – new paving, addition of a speed hump making the front of the school wheelchair accessible (automatic door opener button being installed shortly for the front doors allowing better accessibility to the school); Phases 2 & 3 are getting underway – upgrades include completely redoing the landscaping by the old flagpoles (which are being moved) and increased seating areas.
 - o New flooring on the main floor to be installed over the summer
 - o Painting of the interior over the next year/year and half
 - o New student made benches were installed throughout the school (~18-22 of them)
 - o Locker upgrades coming – painting, replacing, etc.
 - o Cafeteria upgrades will be completed by next school year, improving the seating and usability of the cafeteria greatly (no more 80's cafeteria tables!)
- Poppy Legacy Project – looking into a large touchscreen digital library of pictures/yearbooks of Poppy that students and visitors can peruse.
- Budget & timetable planning for 2025/26 school is underway
- Hiring – there is actually minimal turnover for the coming year
- Car Show #36 and the Leino Tournament take place this weekend

DPAC Report (D. McIntyre)

- There was an update from Woody Bradford, Deputy Superintendent of Schools regarding ongoing construction in the district, recruitment & retention plans for staff, as well as the District's programs and consultants, etc. with respect to their Anti-Racism initiatives.
- IDEA summit is coming soon
- May 15th is the Aboriginal Awards
- DPAC AGM is in May
- Motion from DPAC regarding Anti-Racism was discussed at length, given the substantial works that the District already has underway the Poppy PAC voted against supporting the motion.

For parent's reference the District presented their strategic plan and strategy on Anti-Racism at the most recent AGM which can be viewed on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkdOKUPUZBQ> at ~the 20 minute mark.

Co-President's Report (K. Leifso)

- **AGM will occur this year on May 27, 2025**

Note!

- **2 of 4 Executives are leaving the school this year (Treasurer & Secretary)**
- **Remaining 2 leave the following year (Co-Presidents)**

If you are at all interested in joining the executive, please email us at poppypacsecretary@gmail.com

Without an Executive (*min. required is a President, Treasurer, and Secretary*) the PAC will cease to exist and the school will lose out on the annual gaming funds from the government that ranges from \$14,000 - \$20,000 in any given year. These funds are used to support things like:

- Upgrades to the school lobby
 - New mobile microphones (x10) for the Musical Theatre Department
 - Festival Fees for the Music Department
 - New uniforms for Athletics
 - New Volleyball Nets for Athletics
 - And the list goes on!
- BCEID (for the gaming grant applications) is now up and running with Jana, Kim, and Sandra added as the users

Treasurer's Report (J. Hikichi)

- No report at this meeting

New Business

- 1) Staff appreciation breakfast – June 27th at 9am – Tyree to organize

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm by Kim.

Upcoming Meetings

- **May 27, 2025 - AGM**

Meetings are held at 7pm in the Library Learning Commons. Hope to see you there!

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