MINUTES



DONNA GABRIEL ROBINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC MINUTES

DATE: October 19th, 2026

Total Attendance: 13
Voting members: 7
Administration: Nathan Erker
Executive Members: Nicole Coatingco, Erin Vokes, Angela Kim, Lisa Zwicker, Jennifer Kim, Daniel Kim, Valeria Darie
Absent: Brandy Eden
General Members: 3

Introduction:

The meeting was called to order by Nicole at 6:30 pm, noting that we respectfully acknowledge we work and learn on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations. *A brief round of introductions was provided.*

Principal's Report:

- The Terry Fox Fundraiser was a success, with positive participation from the school community.
- The cross-country running program also saw strong student participation.Portable Classroom Relocation & Construction Updates
- Fencing has been installed in preparation for the portable classroom relocation scheduled for November 10.
- The goal is to have the relocation completed by November 15.
- Students affected by the relocation will temporarily attend classes in the gymnasium.
- Delivery of construction materials is expected to begin in December.

Indigenous Education, Storytelling & Literacy

- The school will continue to prioritize Indigenous connections and oral storytelling as part of its ongoing learning initiatives.
- A decline in Grade 4 writing proficiency has been identified. Renewed emphasis will be placed on strengthening literacy skills and reinforcing foundational writing abilities.

Numeracy Development

- Concerns were raised regarding students' foundational numeracy skills, particularly basic number sense.It was noted that the Langley School District had previously shifted its focus away from foundational numeracy, highlighting the need to revisit these essential skills.

- Teachers have been asked to develop simple screening assessments to identify areas where students may require additional support.The overall goal is to strengthen fundamental math skills and address learning gaps through targeted instruction.

Mathematics Programs & Resources

- A discussion took place regarding the various mathematics programs and digital learning tools currently being used by DGR students. Resources discussed included: MathUP, Prodigy, Coast Metro Math Series.

- The discussion focused on the resources available to support student learning and numeracy development.

President's Report

- Spirit Wear orders are expected to arrive this week.

- The Neufeld Farms fundraiser is scheduled to begin on October 29.

Ongoing Fundraising Initiatives include
Mabel's Labels, COBS Bread, Nellie's, Return-It Depot, Dynasty Glass – Dynasty Glass will donate $100 to the school for every windshield replacement completed through the fundraising program. This is an ongoing initiative

Coats for Kids Initiative

- The Langley School District is organizing a Coats for Kids initiative, with additional information to be shared as it becomes available. The PAC discussed the possibility of coordinating a school-wide coat drive to support the initiative.

Treasurer's Report

Gaming Account was reviewed; No financial activity reported during this period.

General Account; revenue was received from the Kona Ice fundraiser and the PAC Freezie Sale.

Classroom Funding Allocations

- A discussion took place regarding classroom funding allocations for English Language Learning (ELL), resource teachers, and auxiliary support staff. As these programs and positions receive funding through the school, the PAC agreed to redirect the associated PAC funds toward other areas of need within the school.

- A detailed financial spreadsheet was distributed to attendees, providing a comprehensive overview of PAC finances.

Secretary's Report

- The September PAC meeting minutes were reviewed. The minutes were approved, with Erin and Nicole recorded as the mover and seconder.

DPAC Report

- The next District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) meeting is scheduled for Thursday. No additional updates were available at the time of the meeting.

Old Business

Halloween Dance

- An update was provided regarding Halloween Dance preparations and ticket sales.The deadline for advance pizza orders is Thursday evening. The Dance Committee continues to finalize remaining event details. Concession preparations and prizes have been organized.

- Additional volunteers are still needed to support the event.

New Business

Member at Large Position

- As Erin Biggs was the sole nominee and ran unopposed, she was elected to the position.

Digital Safety & Awareness – The White Hatter

- The PAC discussed the possibility of hosting a digital safety and online awareness presentation through The White Hatter, a Canadian organization offering educational programs similar to Screenagers.

- Nicole is currently gathering information regarding program options, availability, and pricing. The PAC is exploring the possibility of collaborating with Willoughby PAC to host the event and potentially share costs. An early March event date is being considered, with the possibility of offering both an in-person presentation and an at-home streaming option.

Decision: A vote was held, and the PAC approved proceeding with obtaining a formal quote and continuing discussions with The White Hatter. A final decision regarding event arrangements and potential collaboration with Willoughby PAC is pending.

Camp Rock – School-Wide Performances

- The PAC discussed bringing Camp Rock to DGR to provide an engaging, school-wide performance experience for students. Two performances were proposed to accommodate different grade groupings, ensuring all students have the opportunity to participate.

Decision: A vote was held, and the PAC approved proceeding with Camp Rock. Two performances will be coming to DGR, allowing all students to enjoy the experience.

February Movie Night

- A tentative date of February 5th or 12th has been proposed for another school movie night. Further discussion and planning will take place at a future meeting.

Moms Against Racism – Diverse Book Baskets

- The PAC discussed the possibility of introducing diverse book baskets into classrooms to promote inclusion, representation, and cultural awareness.The initiative would involve providing classrooms with thoughtfully selected books featuring diverse characters, cultures, and experiences.The PAC will connect with Deni to review the books currently included in the organization's baskets.

- Further research will be conducted to determine the cost of implementing the program by classroom division or grade level.

Beyond the Stage – Introduction to Drama

- The PAC confirmed plans to move forward with an after-school Introduction to Drama program, with a proposed January start following winter break. Additional program details and registration information will be shared as planning progresses.

AOT – Martial Arts Workshops

- The PAC is coordinating with Master Shawn to bring AOT back to DGR. Plans are underway for a week of martial arts workshops, providing students throughout the school with an opportunity to participate.

Dance Workshops

- The PAC is exploring the possibility of partnering with a local dance studio to provide school-wide dance workshops.The proposed format would be similar to the AOT workshops, allowing students to experience a new physical and creative activity.

Community Sports Events

- The PAC discussed opportunities to organize additional school community events in partnership with local professional and regional sports organizations. Potential organizations include: Vancouver Warriors, Vancouver Giants, Abbotsford Canucks, Langley Football Club

- Further research will be conducted to determine available opportunities and event options.

Purdys Chocolatier Fundraiser

- Preparations for the upcoming Purdys fundraiser are underway. Promotional flyers have been received, and Erin is coordinating the fundraiser.

Circus Lab Fundraising Opportunity

- The PAC reviewed a fundraising opportunity offered by Circus Lab. The proposed program would provide the PAC with: $4 for each open-house ticket sold through the fundraiser. $20 for each half-day camp booking generated through the fundraiser.

Decision: Following discussion and a vote, the PAC decided not to proceed with this fundraising opportunity.

Open Discussion

No further discussion was held.

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.