

Parkside General PAC Meeting
Wednesday, October 13th 2026 9:15am

Attendance	Regrets
Sharlene Jones Nadine Bergsma Jillian Legault Jennifer Pavlis Laura Goossens Tiffany Harrison Tasha Couture Breanne Dry Michelle Grandmaison Total: 9	Katie Vleeming April Levine Total: 2

Agenda

1. Call to order at 9:17am
2. Attendance taken by Nadine Bergsma
3. Approval of Agenda by Tiffany Harrison and seconded by Laura Goossens
4. Approval of Minutes from June 9th by Tiffany Harrison and seconded by Tasha Couture
5. Land Acknowledgement –We like to begin our meeting by acknowledging that the land on which we are gathered is on the traditional and unceded territory of the Katzie, Matsqui, and Semiahmoo First Nations.
6. Principal and Vice Principal Report:
 - A positive year to the start, the school has increased to 575 students, have added 1 more division - up to 25 divisions, have a 40% increase in kindergarten students, have had 15 EA's to start the school year and after ministry funding came in we now have 20 EA's, have 4 resource teachers, lots of maternity leaves coming up, quite a few maintenance workers around the building - 2 directors have come out to start work on the school wish list
 - Photo day is coming up on Wednesday, Oct. 14th
 - Informal learning updates will go home the last week of October
 - The kindergarten students will go on a field trip to go Trick or Treating to the school board office on Friday, Oct. 30th
 - Langley board district has included Parkside in a book giveaway ad
 - Great shakeout is happening this week
 - The school is working on a Literacy goal to close the gap between those students who need the extra support learning english and those students that are already comfortable with the language

- Working to keep the outside signage board updated on a weekly basis
- Grade 4 and 5's have the opportunity to be apart of program called Code Blue where our school liaison will come in on Tuesdays at lunch and have leadership chats with the kids, have lunch together, permission forms will be sent home
- A Sports group for grade 4 & 5 students is being offered to focus on Social-Emotional Learning on Thursday afternoons for 6 weeks
- Pro D Day is coming up on Oct. 23rd
- Grade 5's will be bussed to the Aberdeen Cemetery on the Nov. 6th
- Grade 5's will have their Entrepreneur Fair will be on Nov. 26th

7. Executive Committee:

7.1 President: Katie Vleeming (none)

7.2 Vice President: Sharleen Jones (none)

7.3 Secretary: Nadine Bergsma (none)

7.4 Treasurer: Jillian Legault

- Gaming grant was received of \$10,440
- Motion to move our December event line item of \$1500 to the Gaming account
- Motion to move the Grade 5 year end line item of \$1000 to the Gaming account
- Motion to move the line item for tables of \$1000 to Gaming account
- Motion to increase the field trip/buses line item to \$7000 (due to increase in student enrollment)
- Confirmed with the Abbotsford Canucks on a Jan. 23rd fundraiser game date
- Purdy's is set for all of November
- Apple Fundraiser is set to open on Oct. 19th
- For Fun Fair, Mr. Bubbles is available, Wild Education available, contacted the Bouncy Castle company we used last year and they have increased their pricing significantly, will look into options
- Looking to organize a staff appreciation treat as we had lots of support from teachers/staff regarding the Coupon book fundraiser

Jennifer Pavlis(none)

7.5 Hot Lunch Coordinator: Laura Goossens

- First Hot Lunch went really well
- Will plan to use the Den next hot lunch date to organize food
- Next Popcorn Day is tomorrow, Wednesday, Oct. 14th
- Will need to pick up more big delivery bags for popcorn
- Halloween treat day is coming up on Oct. 26th and getting the cupcakes organized with the supplier

7.6 Directors: April Levine (none), Tiffany Harrison (none), Tasha Couture (none)

7.7 DPAC: Breanne Dry

- The candidates meeting happened recently and went well
- 19 out of 20 trustees came out
- Everyone is strongly encouraged to vote
- The October (22nd) DPAC meeting is open to everyone
- A DPAC labour review happened and everything is accounted for
- Superintendent Mal presented a review and only 3 positions were not filled at the beginning of the school year
- Trustees report was looking into relocating Willoughby Elementary

8. New Business

8.1 Welcome back BBQ success

- Overall went really smoothly, sales were quite low, as well as profits (costs have gone up)

8.2 Coupon Book success

- 29 books outstanding that we would like to see come in
- If we choose to go with this fundraiser again next school year, we would look at the students that either did not return this year's book/s or were returned damaged, those students would not receive a coupon book but will have the order form to still place orders
- 450 coupon books sold and a profit of \$6660!
- Div. 1 (intermediate class) Div. 15 (primary class) will receive pizza parties for the most books sold

8.3 Created for Kids

- Papers have gone out and they are due to be back by Oct. 28th if ordering

8.4 Craft Fair

- 40 tables are booked so far
- Pork and Honey food truck has confirmed and looking at other vendors as well
- Deciding where to add signage to advertise the event and get those posted
- Would love to see more vendors offering toys
- Will have a concession set up
- Tasha Couture will be the point of contact on the day of the event

8.5 Pancake Breakfast

- Sharleen reached out to the Big Man and his elf and they are available and confirmed
- Looking at setting up a photo area with the Big Man
- Will look at getting donation letters sent out soon

8.6 Book Fair

- Will be set up the week of Nov. 30th - Dec. 4th
- Will work on creating a schedule for volunteers to help

9. Discussion Period

- A Grade 5 parent facebook page was created and will have it posted in the weekly newsletter and would love to see all grade 5 parents/guardians to join
- Grade 5 hoodies have been ordered and should be here by the end of the month

10. Adjournment at 10:49am

Next Meeting Time: Tuesday, Nov 17th @ 9:15am