

PAC Meeting Summary – October 29, 2025

Meeting Start: 7:01 PM

Territorial Acknowledgement: The meeting began with a recognition that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Secwépemc people.

Attendance

- **Parents:** Kayla Vannieuwenhuizen (President), Kim Hildebrandt (Secretary), Kendall Moland (Treasurer), Amanda Moland, Brandi Ripel, Lindsay Hall, Devon Corrie
- **Staff:** Jodi Garries (Principal), Devon Corrie

Administrative Actions

- Motion to adopt the agenda: Moved by Kendall Moland, seconded by Brandi Ripel. All in favour.
- Motion to adopt September 2025 minutes: Moved by Amanda Moland, seconded by Devon Corrie. All in favour.
- Budget vote held (missed in September); re-vote required for previously approved items.

Principal & Teacher Reports

- **Principal's Report:** See Appendix.
- **Teacher Update (Devon Corrie):** October included IEP meetings, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and two district assessments for Kindergarten.

Treasurer's Report (Kendall Moland)

- **2025/2026 Budget:**
 - Presented and adopted.
 - Gaming Grant removed due to uncertainty.
 - Fundraiser name updated from Davison's to De Mille's.
 - Monthly produce boxes added.
 - Motion to adopt budget: Moved by Brandi Ripel, seconded by Lindsay Hall. All in favour.
- **Square Reader Purchase:**
 - Two options discussed: \$60 (mobile device) and \$350 (standalone terminal).
 - Motion to spend up to \$400 on a terminal reader: Moved by Kayla Vannieuwenhuizen, seconded by Lindsay Hall. All in favour.

Teacher Wish List

- **Re-vote on September Items:**
 - Motion to spend \$7,100. This is broken down as follows: Library (\$1000), General Fund (\$2550), Recess Equipment (\$1300), Principal's Discretionary Fund (\$300), and Field Trips for all divisions (\$1950): Moved by Kayla Vannieuwenhuizen, seconded by Brandi Ripel. All in favour.

Fundraising

- **Winter Flowers & Purdy's Fundraisers:**
 - Ready to launch.
 - Winter Flowers delivery: December 2 (aligned with Winter Concert).
 - Order deadline: November 18.
 - Purdy's pickup to coincide with Winter Flowers.
- **Walmart Grant:** \$1,000 received.
- **Scholastic Book Fair:**
 - Proposed dates: December 18–19.
 - Discussion on workload and possibility of postponing or running online.
- **De Mille's Produce Boxes:**
 - Plan to enable external community orders via Munch A Lunch for November/December.

Hot Lunch Program

- Coordinator Jo Padgham expressed thanks to volunteers.
- Soup day successful; leftovers frozen for future use.
- Next lunch to include self-serve fruit bowl.
- Suggestion to offer seconds or bowls to students without orders.

Events

- **Halloween Dance:**
 - Positive feedback.
 - Suggestions to streamline costume contest and distribute prizes during dancing.
 - Tic-Tac-Toe was a popular activity.
- **December Movie Night:**
 - Date: December 12, 5:30–8:00 PM.
 - Movie: *The Grinch*.
 - Pricing: \$23 per student, \$2 per extra pizza slice, \$45 family cap.
 - Pre-order option for extra pizza.
 - Entry by donation for families attending.

Open Floor

- Kim shared that a parent who is a graphic designer has offered their services to assist PAC. The group expressed enthusiasm for this opportunity.
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 9:04 PM

Appendix:

Principal's Report

PAC Meeting – Oct 29, 2025 – 7:00 pm

- We really appreciated the amazing turnout with the conferences. Feedback from teachers was very positive, and it is always helpful to be able to meet and talk. We hope you felt these were beneficial conversations as well.

- Thank you for organizing a very fun Halloween Howler Family Dance on Oct 23! There was a great turnout, the costumes were excellent, and kids had so much fun!

- We've had lots of events this month: a variety of classes have visited Larch Hills, Tsutswecw (for the salmon run), the Fire Hall, McGuire Lake, Salmon Arm Art Centre, we've had an earthquake drill and our 2nd fire drill, photo retake day is tomorrow, a cultural performance called "Blues Rocks" (where SAW joined us), Vera Sawatzky was our firechief for the day on Oct 17, and our Halloween costume parade is on Oct 31 at 8:45 am. Busy, fun and great things for kids!

- We still have outstanding fees, hoping to collect them all soon, please help spread the word. We are also still needing the signed consent and verification back from a number of families.

- Shuswap Lacrosse approached me and asked if we wanted to do a lacrosse PE class with each of our divisions. The cost would be \$750 for the 2 days it would take to allow for 30-40 min class for each division. Our school would not have the funds, but is this something the PAC would want to financially support? Shuswap

Lacrossesaid they could accept less funds (unclear how they structure it), so I said I'd approach the PAC with the question.

- I met with Travis Elwood (Director of Operations) to gain information about possible ideas for playground improvements, that our PAC would hopefully be able to financially support. See ppt (projected).
- The first free soup day went very well! Particularly grateful to the large team of parent volunteers who served it and picked up anything left over. Thank you!
- Oct 30 – Photo retake day (am)
- Oct 31 – Hot lunch day – Yan's
- Oct 31 – Halloween! Costume parade/Monster Mash to the gym at 8:45 am! Costumes just need to be respectful, not excessively gory or scary, no weapon props, or masks that may scare or get in the way of learning. Students still need to be able to participate in class as usual.
- Nov 3 – Jodi will be sharing our school learning plan draft with Marianne VanBuskirk. Our intellectual goals remain: literacy - personal narrative writing, and numeracy – problem solving. We are starting to see some growth (based on school based achievement data) with our numeracy goal, but our data still shows the need for more attention with our writing goal.
- Nov 7 – School Remembrance Day assembly, 10:45 am – families are welcome to join us in the gym
- Nov 10 – Pro-D Day
- Nov 11 – Remembrance Day – No school
- Nov 14 – Lockdown drill
- Dec 3 and 4 – Hillcrest's winter concerts, afternoon and evening performances, in the gym (half the school on the 3rd, the other half on the 4th). Performance times at 1:00 and 6:30.
- Dec 16 – First Written Learning Update (aka Report Card) goes home

- Dec 19 – last day of school before the winter break
~Jodi