

Cascade Heights Elementary Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
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PAC Meeting

June 10, 2025

6:40pm – 8:30pm (In person in the Library at Cascade Heights)

Meeting Minutes

1. Round table introductions

- a) Chair: Arvind G.
- b) Vice-Chair: Irina
- c) Treasure: Piriya
- d) Secretary: Charmaine G.
- e) DPAC Rep: Sandra R.
- f) CPF Rep: Brandi R. and Tracy C.
- g) Hot Lunch Committee: Vivian P., Fayaz
- h) Events and Fundraising Committee: Michelle L. and Tiffany
- i) Emergency Preparedness: Peter (absent)
- j) Members at Large: none
- k) Cascade Principal: Mr. F. DeVita
- l) Head Teacher: Ms. R. Kerluke
- m) Parents in attendance: Jeanne

2. Approval of May 2025 Minutes

Motioned by Arvind, seconded by Michelle and Brandi

3. Principal's Report

June 2nd - Pro D no school (school goals planning) Data sharing

June 3rd - Welcome to our school

June 6th- Hot lunch Comfort food

June 10th - Field Trip - Div. 5, 7, 8, 9 (Swimming)

-div 13 to wesburn park

-PAC meeting

June 12th - Intermediates to Playland

June 13th - Field Trip - Div. 3, 6, 10, 11 (Swimming)

-Family Picnic

-Hot lunch Quesada

June 16th - Div. 7/8/9 Bike Program

June 18th - Div. 7/8/9 Bike Program

-Inman grade 3's to visit 1:30 – 2:30

- Field Trip - Div. 3 (Anny's & Moody Park)

- Field Trip - Div. 1, 2, 4 (Wesburn Park)

June 19th - Field Trip - Div. 5, 7, 8, 9 (Swimming)

June 20th - Grade 7 farewell

June 23rd - PAC / Staff appreciation lunch-Learning updates published

June 25th - Hot lunch Sushi

June 26th - Last day of school students 9-10am

Last 2 years was focus for school is numeracy

This year's Foundational Skills Assessments (FSA) for grade 4's

Literacy results = 32 % emerging, 58% on track, 9% extending

* note, not all students write the FSA

2018-2024 historical data presented

participation rates were 95%

Data seems to be consistent up and down

Grade 4 Student learning survey

Kids choose "am i getting better at math", "am i getting better at writing", "am i getting better at reading". Mostly reading and writing was higher than math

Grade 7 FSA results= Literacy, 25% emerging, 75% on track

Historical data for numeracy, this year has less students emerging, but note student participating is lower (less students)

2024-2025 school wide writing

-number of kids in emerging for writing is higher

-but will continue with numeracy for one more year

All information will be available on school website on June 30th

4. Head Teacher's Report

- intermediates going to playland on Thursday

- playland opens at 10

- parent drivers can leave at 9:15am

- free parking is by the racetrack, then go to gate 14

- drivers will teach at 2:20pm
- Playland is cashless
- Grade 7 grad, Ms. Kerluke is the lead
- got 4 volunteers
- parents are doing decorations
- parents are to leave before grade 7 dance

5. Guest speaker- Give a Turkey Presentation

- goal is to help others to have a merry Christmas, spread hope and love
- sometimes families feel ashamed to take their kids to soup kitchen
- provide families with turkey dinner to take home and prepare, meal ingredients are picked up at Save On Foods
- dinners are for 6 people, encouraged to invite another family if there is enough food
- how it works, school is approached, ask how many families use school financial assistance
- confirm commitment to the school in November, school admin will select the families, it will be kept anonymous as much as possible
- giving a turkey also does not want to be known, so keep their participants anonymous too
- vouchers given to families and can be redeemed at Save on Foods before Christmas
- currently Terra Nova Save On, but using contacts, they hope to get vouchers to work at Save On Old Orchard for our school
- discussion with Principal to see how they will move forward with Givingaturkey.ca

6. Chair's / Vice Chair's Report

- Kindergarten welcome went well
- parents didn't appear to be interested in exec positions
- Grade 3 French immersion students be June 18th

7. Financial Report

- General account balance \$22374.15
outstanding cheque \$2012
- Gaming account balance \$8400
outstanding \$4977

- Pac meeting expenses \$69.26 - motioned by Arvind, seconded by Sandra
- Kindergarten welcome \$15.74 - taken from PAC Grant, approved by all
- budget for snack money for Grade 3 French immersion- budget \$50, motioned by Arvind, seconded by Vivian
- year end picnic budget was \$1500 - expected expenses are tattoo, rabbitats, meals for janitors (under budget)
- BCC PAC membership will now be \$100 this year (previously was \$75), Piriya will do the membership, motioned by Piriya, seconded by Vivian
- money that was budgeted for Grade 7 camp - not needed
- gym AV upgrade - \$2700 was budgeted - not needed
- Grade 7 event was \$300 (money was from snack shack profits) - this may be used for balloon arch
- Sports Day, spent \$7.84 - motioned by Piriya, seconded by Tracy
- correction October minutes for Milk Monday profit Term 2 \$186.15, Term \$68.72
- Food safe course invoice will be provided by Irina

8. DPAC Report

- last AGM Burnaby Board of Education approved 2025/26 Budget two weeks ago
- budget cuts included cutting grade 7 band, library, counselling
- * Sandra to send
- there will be a petition by DPAC regarding the budget cuts
- DPAC elections happened- new members elected

Information provided by DPAC Rep

“ 1) Burnaby board of education approved budget for 2025/26 May 27th unanimously after a public meeting on April 16, where the board presented the necessary budget adjustments to address a projected deficit. These adjustments included some cuts to programs and services, which were reluctantly approved by the board to balance the budget.

Key points about the budget:

Projected Deficit: The Burnaby School District was facing a deficit of over \$3.3 million for the 2025-26 school year if the budget adjustments were not made.

Budget Adjustments: The budget adjustments included cuts to programs like elementary band, libraries, advanced learning, and counselling

Systemic underfunding is the core problem where funding formula per student is not adjusted to include increased cost (operational cost) and the issue that

Burnaby school districts have to pay for their portables which should be capital expenses and not operational expense

Watch This: CBC on Education Underfunding (May 26th)

CBC, The Early Edition, recently aired a segment on the underfunding of public education in BC. They encouraged parents, educators, and advocates to write in, and some of these letters were shared on air.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJBUtpSrj7w>

Take Action: Sign & Share the Petition

Help amplify our collective voice by signing and circulating this petition calling on Premier Eby to properly fund BC's public schools.

<https://www.change.org/p/premier-eby-invest-in-bc-s-public-schools-now>

DPAC elections

We elected the DPAC executives in our last DPAC AGM meeting May 26th for the next school year, so hopefully next year will be smoother for DPAC.

9. CPF Report

- summer Camp July 28th, Aug 11th, Aug 18th - mostly full except for last week of July
- plans to do skating Bonnon next Christmas
- French lessons for parents will be offered again
- Skating event got cancelled
- Grad certs were distributed
- 2 grants previously given are no longer available due to restructuring
- CPF Burnaby will have only one teacher grant
- no applicants for scholarship this year
- Tracy will be stepping down at CPF Rep, Jeanne and Jessica want to be CPF reps - will be voted on in September

10. Hot Lunch Report

- A&W for Sports Day went well and well sorted, but parking was far from restaurant, need 4 cars to drive
- Quesada is this Friday
- maybe consider ending hot lunch in May next year?
- there is one sushi hot lunch remaining in June

11. Events and Fundraising

a. Staff and Parent Volunteer Lunch

Ms. Kerluke planned Hawaiian luau, music trivia, video thanks

Staff must sit with parents

Courtney will do all RSVP (populated into spreadsheet)

Vivian will do ordering of food

b. Year End Picnic

Need extension cords for band

Band will perform around 4:30pm

Fresh Slice will be giving coupons to give out

Megaphone in the office

12. Emergency Preparedness

No update

13. New Business

a. Extra Milk Monday due to surplus income

- date will be tbd.

- motioned to use surplus for extra income and remainder to be kept for next year, motioned by Vivian and seconded by Arvind

14. Action Items:

1) Mr. Devita to reach out to givingaturkey.ca

2) Arvind to reach out to Save On Old Orchard Store Manager and givingaturkey.ca to connect them

3) Piriya to do BCC PAC membership renewal

4) Irina to provide Food Safety certificate course invoice to Piriya

5) Ms. Kerluke will cost out a mic and receiver for music room and provide a proposal to PAC in Sept.