



# *Coast Salish Elementary*

## **Coast Salish Elementary – Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, February 6, 2025

**Time:** 7:32 PM - 9:00 PM

**Location:** Learning Commons, Coast Salish Elementary

### **Attendees:**

Kamilah, David, Sanj, Damien, Peter, Grace, Kit, Ningning, Christine, Andrea, Lan, Asana, Kay, Mr. Pearce, Christina (Grade 5 Committee)

### **7:32 – 7:36 PM - Opening Procedures**

- **Call to Order:** Kamilah called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.
- **Land Acknowledgment:** Conducted by Kamilah.
- **Adoption of Agenda & Minutes:**
  - Motion to adopt the agenda forwarded by Asana, seconded by Sanj. All in favour, none opposed.
  - Motion to adopt the previous minutes forwarded by Sanj, seconded by David. All in favour, none opposed.

### **7:36 – 8:00 PM - Principal's Report and Questions (Frank Pearce, Principal)**

#### **Principal's Report:**

- **Winter Weather & Safety:** Recent heavy snowfall has turned the field into ice, making it unsafe for outdoor play.
- **Pro-D Day Recap:**
  - A self-regulation workshop was held by the MEHRIT Centre (MEHRIT Centre <https://self-reg.ca/>), attended by approximately 200 district staff at Coast Salish.
  - Insights from this session may guide adjustments to school goals.
- **Class Review Process:**
  - Support staff are collaborating with teachers to determine resource allocations for the remainder of the year.
  - Adjustments will be made mid-year to optimize support.
- **Enrollment & Kindergarten Registrations:**
  - 43 Kindergarten applications so far (increase of 5-6 from last year).
  - The school is still accepting cross-catchment students.
- **Facility Rentals:**
  - Rentals will begin next week.
  - Priority for rentals will be given to Burke Mountain & Coast Salish families.
- **Kind Mindset & Mental Health Initiatives:**
  - Kelty Centre for Mental Health (Kelty Centre) resources shared. (<https://keltymentalhealth.ca/>)

- Coast Salish will participate in the Kind-Mind Festival in May (Kind-Mind Festival).
- A Kindness Challenge Book will be shared with parents to complete with students. (<https://www.thekeltyfoundation.org/kindmind>)
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - February is Kindness Month – Random Acts of Caring (RAC) initiatives.
  - Feb 26 – Pink Shirt Day.
  - Family Day & Pro-D Day coming up.

#### **8:00 – 8:16 PM - Treasurer's Report (Grace and Christine, Co-Treasurers)**

- **Financial Report** presented (see attachment).
- **Current balance:** \$37,000+

#### **Key Updates:**

- **MunchaLunch Donations:**
  - The system has collected pure donations earlier this school year.
  - These can be added as a fundraising option for future events.
- **Square Payment System Issue:**
  - PAC is currently registered as a business account, but Square now requires either a personal account or a registered incorporation.
  - Two possible options moving forward:
    - Option 1: Upload PAC's bank statement and financial statement to complete the business profile verification.
    - Option 2: **Re-register as a personal account** instead of a business account.
- Gaming Grant on going

#### **8:16 – 8:22 PM - DPAC Update (Andrea, DPAC Rep)**

- **January DPAC Meeting agenda:** ( <https://dpac43.ca/wp-content/uploads/DPAC-Jan-2025-General-Meeting-Agenda.pdf> )

#### **Meeting Highlights:**

- **Technology & AI in the Classroom:**
  - AI is being introduced for **Grades 8+** using **Microsoft Copilot**.
  - The district is **focusing on responsible AI use** and **educating students on AI safety**.
  - Parents are encouraged to **start conversations** about AI and social media use at home.
- **February Panel Session:**
  - **Location:** Education Learning Centre (ELC) – **King Albert & Winslow**
  - **Topic:** Navigating AI & Technology in Schools

## 8:22 - 9:00 PM - Upcoming Events and Committees

- **Movie Night - February 21st**
  - **Feature Film:** Originally Moana 2, now **Harold and the Purple Crayon**.
  - **Concessions:** Candy & popcorn available.
- **Spring Fair - May 4, 2025**
  - **Theme: Star Wars**
  - **Volunteers Needed:** Always looking for more helpers!
  - **Fundraising on-site:** Exploring ideas for additional revenue streams.
- **Playground Updates**
  - **Design Proposal Received.**
  - **Estimated Cost:** \$215,000 (for four components).
  - **Next Steps:**
    - Requesting quotes from alternative vendors.
    - Staging project implementation as needed.
- **Grade 5 Committee**
  - **Fundraising Ideas:**
    - Adding more **options beyond lemonade sales**.
    - Potential **bagged chip sale through MunchaLunch**.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - **Principal for a Day:** Scheduled for **Wednesday, Feb 26** (assembly planned).
  - **Grade 5 Graduation Trip Planning.**
- **Fundraiser Idea: Parent's Night Out**
  - **Potential Venue:** Momentum Gym & Pub across the street.
  - **Still in early discussions.**

## 9:00 - 9:06 PM - Roundtable Discussions

- **Intramural Sports:**
  - Currently, **Grade 5 Basketball & Grade 4 Dodgeball**.
  - Exploring opportunities for **additional school-wide winter sports**.
- **School Dance:**
  - Proposed for **early March**.
  - More details to come.

## 9:07 PM - Next Meeting

- **Motion to adjourn:** Forwarded by Kamilah, seconded by Kay. **All in favour.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.**

**Next Meeting:** March 6, 2025

**Recorded by:** Kay Yoon, PAC Secretary.