

PAC Meeting

September 23, 2025

Opening Remarks

- Welcome and thank you for coming, both in-person and on-line

Meeting Minutes

- May 2025 meeting minutes approved

Principal Report

- Thank you to the PAC for contributing to a great start up to the new school year, welcoming our Bramblewood community back
- Students are settling into the classroom, making new connections and relationships, which has been progressing very well
- Grade 4 students will be participating in the Provincial Foundational Skills Assessment; focusing on literacy and numeracy, which will begin in October and close mid-November; this is not on report cards
- Special experiences coming to the school/classrooms: mid-February to early March Gym Sense Gymnastics will be in the gym with their equipment and students will have an opportunity to participate / Taiko Drumming, a form of traditional Japanese, students will have an opportunity to learn about and experience
- Currently teachers are booking and organizing activities and field trips for their classrooms: Indigenous Drummer / Planetarium / Swimming. These experiences enrich our students' learning and are valuable opportunities for students.
- Terry Fox run will be held April 10th – students will have an opportunity to learn more about him and his foundation and accomplishments.
- Orange Shirt Day – September 29th – students are learning about this in the classroom and will have an opportunity to acknowledge Canadian history by participating in wearing an orange shirt that day.
- A variety of school teams starting up for Grade 5's (Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Field) - a special thanks to teachers who make this possible by volunteering their own time to run these teams, which provide students exposure to different sports and being a part of a team.
- Volunteering: all volunteers within the school are required to undergo a police information check; additionally, for volunteers that can drive a driver's abstract

needs to also be provided. Volunteers also need to fill out a school volunteer form.

- Interim Report Cards will be sent home on October 8th – parents can expect a checklist to determine how students are settling in, and October 15th is early dismissal which allows an opportunity for parents/teachers to meet.

Construction Report

John Campbell – Principal of District Facilities and Initiatives

Valerie O'Leary - Manager of Projects School District #43

JLK – Contractor

- Scope of Work: upgrading the cladding/roofing/stucco/windows/gutters/water proofing with membrane/skylights; essentially replacing the “skin” of the building from its original build in the 90's
- Schedule: work commenced July 2025 and will run into July 2026 • Safety: top priority for students and staff and many measures have been implemented to ensure this:
 - all work areas are fully closed off from students and staff
 - fencing is secured around all scaffolding
 - construction traffic (such as material deliveries) is only permitted during designated times (i.e. not during recess or lunch hours or shortly after dismissal)
 - badge system- all crew should have clearly marked “JLK” badges to identify who/why they are on-site
 - site cleanliness: designated times to ensure all material has been picked up and accounted for to mitigate injury, including using a magnet wand to ensure nails/screws are being picked up and not left out
 - strict no interaction w/students policy
- What to expect: all stakeholders have worked very hard to mitigate any disruptions to the classroom; however, there will be a window replacement phase where certain classrooms will be displayed (approx. 2 weeks) to another classroom while this work is being done. Bramblewood has 2 fully functioning empty classrooms so it will have very little impact on the day-to-day activities of the classroom. Further information will be provided to each class and parents when appropriate.
- Communication: kindly direct any questions/concerns to the principal, Mr. Bird and from there it will be passed on to our team to review/action.

Treasurer's Report

- General Act. \$8,654.96
- Gaming Act. \$2,392.76

PAC Events/Fundraisers

- Kindergarten Tea: successful event; provided a great opportunity for new families coming into Bramblewood to connect and learn about our school programs
- Community BBQ: great event, awesome turn out and the revenue generated from this event grew from last year and has gone up for the 3rd year in a row. Great community event to kick off the school year. Feedback from the Kinsmen they love working with the Bramblewood PAC and are looking to secure our dates with us for next year!
- PAC Booth: success, great way to expose parents to the PAC and the different events/fundraisers that run and volunteer opportunities
- Spirit Wear: TBD – offer active wear fabric/styles; colours; explore new vendors price point
- Treat Day – September 26th \$1 chocolate chip cookies sold in the MPR •
Dance Party – October 3rd – reservations open on muchalunch, 65 already registered/ volunteer call out for the concession
- Hot Lunch - October 10th Pizza Pizza, open on munchalunch; all vendors/dates secured for the 1st half of the year
- Milk Program: currently there are less orders than previous years; potential of sourcing/offering a non-diary option TBD
- New Fundraiser – Sun-Oka Apple Farm: 10lb boxes of apples either Ambrosia or Honey Crisp; aim to run this in October w/delivery mid-November
- Grade 5 Hoodies: survey to students to decide on colour options, great way to have them involved and be a part of the process; signatures to be collected; final design to be approved by PAC; priority to release on muchalunch; when open for ordering sample sizes will be available for students to try on

Next PAC Meeting

- Future PAC meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month
- October 21st is the next scheduled meeting

Closing Remarks

- Thank you for attending