



Bramblewood PAC Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2026

Opening Remarks

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

Meeting Minutes

January 2026 meeting minutes approved

Principal's Update

- The school is having a busy week this week as mentioned in the week ahead email.
 - We will have our Terry Fox run on Wednesday. Fred Fox, Terry Fox's brother is visiting the school for our assemble on Wednesday mid day ... The school launched a Terry Fox fundraising, and it has been going great, thank you to parents who participated in this donation
 - Thursday we will have District Ready Set Learn Event for preschool aged children (3-5 years old), it includes story time and using the school gym (flyer was sent to the community). There are multiple elementary school participating and families are welcome to attend regardless of their catchment.
 - We have Grade 4/5 SD43 tradition Como Lake Relay Race on Thursday. Kids will be practicing in following days during recess
 - There will be Taiko Drumming Performance Assembly on Friday. It is a Japanese style drumming performance provided by a music teacher. In the following week the students will receive drumming lessons. There will likely be an opportunity for parents of students who perform at an assembly on May 1st. More info on that to come.
 - Grade 3-5 students will try track & field and see who is interested and is a good fit to participate in competition
- The school is planning K-strong start for mid may to meet with the new families. Mrs Erickson is planning a library event. New school Kids can come see the school and spend a little bit of time here

- Gym Mural design-The proposed mural features the Bramblewood Bear in a forest setting, blending nature with sketch-style fades and incorporating school colours throughout. There are also proposed design for side walls with bear paw/ our school logo. The artist has worked with other schools in our districts and is familiar with concerns and requirements; and delivered interesting artworks. The school is leading conversation with the artist around cost breakdown to review that with PAC and see how PAC can support funding this capital project from existing \$19K fund that has been collected in previous years.
 - Once the art project is approved and planned the gym will be closed for about a week. Ideal time the second half of the August or sometime in Fall.
- School bell schedule

Lunch time: Currently, students each their lunch without direct adult supervision. Adult supervisors visit rooms to support classes and the younger classes also have Grade 4 or 5 student monitors supporting the students.

For next year, the school plans to have teachers in the classroom during student eating time. Mr. Bird has been in multiple schools in our district who hold student eating time this way and it produces very positive results. This practice supports student learning and well-being in many ways. This time allows for unique teaching opportunities, 1 to 1 conferencing time and connection time between teacher and student. Students enjoy a calmer lunch environment and parents typically report that their children eat better and enjoy their lunch time more. Students head outside to play in a more regulated state and students experience fewer social challenges. The school will still provide leadership opportunities for monitors and those monitors will be more directly supported by classroom teachers.

This transition will result in a schedule that has a lunch play time that is a little bit longer and the end of day bell time will be a little bit earlier. The current plan for next year the bell schedule will be **8:45 am- 2:38pm**

Parents who would like to give feedback or discuss this further are invited to reach out to Mr. Bird at mbird@sd43.bc.ca

School is going to order planners for the next year: Gr 1-3 Large size, Gr 4-5 Regular size. School office will order and PAC cover the cost (~ Total \$ 2,200)

Some parents' suggestions for consideration (round table):

- Add a second basketball hoop as it is a popular game

- Get a new door for Gaga ball and lock it (the old one is missing)

Treasurers update:

BPAC financial updates as of 2026-04-11:

1. Our General Account is sitting at \$39,097.21, which includes the fund of \$19,387.69 and cash for operations of \$19,709.52.
2. Our Gaming Account sits at \$287.26 after making payments for KBAM DuffleBag Theatre (\$1,207.50), field trip to Burnaby Village Museum (\$1,600.00), and Gym Sense Gymnastics (\$3,150.00).
3. The amount for Class B membership shares also remains the same, which is \$153.62.
4. The outstanding invoice to be paid is from Pizza Pizza hot lunch (\$602.54).
5. We also have revenue of \$2,226.03 available for transferring out on MunchaLunch.

Budget allocation discussion:

- PAC Open House: posters and snacks
- Grade 5 leaving: \$ 3000 was very modest last year and the budget allocation was not adjusted for many years. This year PAC allocates \$3500 to cover robust lunch, swag bag, ceremony

Past Event Updates

CreatedByKids: we had a smooth fundraiser. Thanks to the school, teachers and parents who supported this event.

Ongoing event updates:

- Milk Program- Everything goes fine. We will have 2 delivery days next week on Wednesday and Thursday (to cover one missing delivery day)
- Hot Lunch- we have all hot lunch events planned and available for ordering on MunchaLunch. Next hot lunch is this Friday. We appreciate Parents who come and volunteer
- Fruits and Veggies- next event is on Thursday. We will deliver apples and need volunteers to come and help with the distribution. To continue this program for the following year we also need someone to coordinate it
- Treat Day

- April 30 - Ice cream sandwich
- May 27 - tcbby Frozen yogurt (to be ordered on MunchAlunch)
- June 17th - Last treat day on - TBD (maybe freezie)

Upcoming event updates:

· **Spirit Wear** – Working with a new vendor for better price, no minimum order, good quality and run the program during the school year. Awaiting to get samples

· **PAC Open House**- Tuesday April 21st (student led conference) 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm.
Location: school main entrance. PAC exec members will be there for conversations about PAC activities, get feedback from families and chat how they can get involved. PAC will provide complimentary small snacks. There will be spirit wear for purchase.

· **Grade 5 Leaving Committee** - Need volunteers from all grade 5 divisions to establish grade 5 leavening committee and plan lunch, decorations, swag bag order, ceremony, etc.

- The office will share PACs request for volunteers with grade 5 families
- PAC will fund \$3,500

· **Movie Night**- Friday May 8th at 6PM. Location: School Gym. Purchase tickets at MunchaLunch or at the door (cash only)

Movie title: Elemental

· 2026/27 PAC Executive and Volunteer Recruitment

- Next PAC meeting and AGM in May. Current PAC exec will announce open positions and ask for nomination/ volunteers for the following school year. PAC is also looking for volunteers to lead the coordination and support during the event
- PAC Executive Budget Planning for the next SY- PAC exec will have an internal meeting to discuss
 - Budget approval for the gym mural
 - Review closing budget, plan fundraisers and estimate financial projections for the next school year

Next meeting and Annual General Meeting (AGM): May 19th @ 6:30pm

Thank you for attending.