

## **PAC Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 18, 2026

**Location:** Library

**Time:** 7:02 p.m. – 8:44 p.m.

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### **1. Attendance**

#### **Online:**

- Christine Quan
- Tara Parkinson

#### **In Person:**

- Christie Taylor
  - Miwa Aoki
  - Nicki Duncan
  - Teri Beauchemin
  - Devon Ross
  - Belanina (Bel) Brant
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### **2. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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### **3. Approval of Agenda**

- Motion to approve: Miwa Aoki (1st)
  - Seconded by: Christie Taylor (2nd)
  - Carried
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### **4. Principal's Report – Como Lake Middle School**

#### **Welcome:**

- Welcome to Belanina (Bel) Brant, new Vice-Principal.

#### **Appreciation:**

- Thank you for ongoing fundraising efforts, including a successful TCBY fundraiser today.
- PAC contributed \$6,000 toward extra-curricular activities. Staff are currently selecting supplies.

### **January/February Highlights:**

- All middle schools in the district participated in a collaborative and enriching Professional Development Day on January 26.
- Grade 8 articulation (course planning) and secondary school visits were well received.
- Interim reports were distributed; thank you to families who attended 3-Way Conferences. Next Learning Updates will be posted prior to Spring Break.
- “Drop Everything and Read” (DEAR) sessions continue in support of the school literacy goal. Next session: March 6.
- Genius Hour Projects (GHAP) are in Week 3 of the February session.
- Mountain Riders Ski and Snowboard program ongoing.
- Basketball and wrestling seasons nearing completion with strong participation.
- Britannia Mines field trip was a highlight. The \$35 cost per student was subsidized through an Education Foundation grant and fundraising efforts.
- Skating field trips to Poirier Centre were successful.
- Student assemblies included:
  - BC Lions (anti-racism presentation)
  - Missy D (French rapper performance)

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- Band Concert: Next Monday after school
- February 27: School-Based Pro-D Day (school closed)

## **5. Fundraising Updates**

### **TCBY Fundraiser:**

- Raised: \$380
- Delivery to classrooms went smoothly.
- Request for clearer timelines (flavour selection, sales period, breakdown dates) to support communication with families.
- Next TCBY fundraiser Apr 22 and June 3

### **Bottle Return:**

- Raised: \$172.92

### **Domino’s Fundraiser:**

- Raised: \$255
- Next pizza fundraiser scheduled for next week.

### **Upcoming Bottle Drives:**

- April 8
- May 20
- Volunteers needed 30 minutes before school and 30 minutes before dismissal.
- Christine may be unavailable; her husband may assist if needed.

### **Advertising:**

- Increase promotion for bottle drives and TCBY to restore general account funds.
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## **6. Financial Updates**

### **Gaming Account:**

- \$185 remaining (allocated to Grade 8 leaving ceremony).

### **Allocations Approved:**

- \$100 to classroom supplies.
- \$500 for EA supplies (motion passed unanimously).
  - \$485 from general account
  - \$15 from donation account

### **Donation Account:**

- Fundraising target: \$1,500

### **Staff Lunch:**

- Proposed budget: \$300
  - Catering options: Centennial Catering Program or Costco sandwich platters.
  - Vote scheduled for April meeting.
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## **7. Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony**

- \$185 remaining in gaming account.
- Yard sign proposal:
  - “Congrats Como Lake Grade 8’s 2026”

- Cost: \$130
- Ceremony details:
  - Date: Thursday, June 25
  - Time: 10:00 a.m. – approx. 1:00 p.m. (school dismissal at 12:00 p.m.)
- Confirm no tax on quote (Jolene).
- Devon to circulate grad sign design options for voting.
- Balloon arch discount available at Loonie Store Como Lake (to be discussed in April).

**Motion to approve ceremony and EA supplies funding:**

- Moved and seconded.
  - Carried unanimously.
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**8. DPAC Report (January 28)**

- Superintendent attended as main speaker.
- Moody Elementary officially opened.
- Secondary school named Burke Mountain Secondary.
- Budget process overview provided.
- Middle School Conference highlighted as highly successful.

**Surveys & Communication:**

- PAC survey to be distributed in March alongside District Directions Survey.
- Results to be reviewed in April.
- Final framework to be published online by end of April.
- Increased communication planned between district, schools, and families.

**Online Safety Presentation:**

- Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) presented on digital safety, AI, surveillance, and equity/privacy laws.
- OIPC launched investigation into TikTok (minimum age requirement 13+).
- Concerns regarding data collection and targeted advertising.
- Recommendation: Avoid switching youth to platforms such as Discord.
- Podcast recommendation: *Hard Fork* (episode featuring Roblox CEO).

**BC Parent Federation:**

- Volunteer and student awards open for nominations.
  - Deadline: February 28.
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## **9. New Business**

- Safety concerns raised following recent events at Centennial.
  - Request to keep cafeteria-side door closed and locked, follow-up with cafeteria staff.
  - Lockdown blinds were purchased last year.
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## **10. Adjournment**

Next PAC meeting April 23, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.