

PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: January 21, 2026

Location: Library

Time: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Online: Tara Parkinson

In Person: Christie, Miwa, Christine, Nicki, Teri, Devon Ross, Christine Wald,

A farewell and thank you were shared for Mrs. Wald.

Principal's Report

- We were also lucky to receive a grant from the SD43 Education Foundation for \$2,000 to help pay for our Britannia Mine Field Trip.
- December/January Highlights:
 - To support our school Literacy Goal, we have been having “Drop Everything and Read” or DEAR sessions with students where they sit and enjoy a book of their choice for an hour.
 - Students have been working on indigenous animal projects in their classes where they are learning about animals that are important to British Columbia.
 - Teachers received training on the “4th R” which focuses on students working on positive and healthy relationships and connections. They are going to be using some of these lessons (for example on peer to peer conflict) to supports our school goal on interconnectedness.
 - January also brings important transition events for our Grade 8 students. Both Centennial and Charles Best Secondary hosted course-planning sessions and parent information meetings throughout the month. Parent nights are happening tonight.
 - Genius Hour Projects – gearing up for the February Thursdays. Students are feeling a lot of agencies in their learning as they pick their topics.
 - Mountain Riders – Ski and Snowboard has had some fantastic weather up the mountain already. Students have enjoyed 2 fantastic afternoons and evenings so far.
- Skating Field trips are happening soon.

- All students will go to Britannia Mine in February for a curricular field trip focusing on themes such as sustainability, adaptability, and the impact of civilizations. Hands-on, experiential sessions will be enjoyed by students.
- Learning Updates were posted in December. Student Reflection Interim reports go home by February 10th with optional 3-way conferences on February 17th and 18th. Next Learning Update (Report Cards) go home right before Spring Break.
- We are looking at a band concert later in February – more details to follow.
- Leadership lunch fundraisers are going to continue to happen and support school programs. We are going to do another hamper for families closer to Spring Break.

The Nest Portable

- Discussion held regarding *The Nest Portable*, a culturally safe and inclusive space.
- Purpose: a place to learn about Indigenous traditions and culture.
- Emphasis on a multi-sensory experience (sight, sound, smell, etc.).

Fundraising Report

Completed Fundraisers:

- December: TCBY fundraiser raised \$396.00.
- January: Bottle Drive raised \$172.82.

Discussion:

- Consideration of collecting school bottles on hot lunch days.
- Further exploration required on logistics.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Valentine's Yogurt Sale:
 - Wednesday, February 18
 - Flavours to be selected; options to be sent to Mrs. Ross
 - Leadership students will vote on flavours
- Domino's Pizza Night:
 - Thursday, February 26
- Bottle Drive:
 - Wednesday, April 8 (after Easter) – before and after school
 - Wednesday, May 20 (after May long weekend) – before and after school

Financial Report

- Bank change completed: TD Bank to Vancity
- No bank fees moving forward.
- Two sets of cheques received (general and gaming accounts), sufficient for approximately 10–15 years.

Account Balances (to date):

- General Account: \$685.01
- Gaming Account: \$6,185.44
- Donation Account: \$537.87
- Donation account balance to be reviewed; amount noted as \$1,330.00
- Discussion held regarding whether donation funds can be transferred to the general account; to be looked into further.

Budget Planning & Allocations

- Year-end PAC budgeting discussed, including:
 - Grade 8 Graduation
 - Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- Minimum of \$200–\$400 to be carried forward into next school year.

Proposed Allocations (Approved):

- Gaming Club (games & puzzles): \$2,000
- STEAM Club shared resources: \$1,000
- Athletic team equipment: \$3,000
- Leaving Ceremony: *Amount to be determined*
- Staff Appreciation: *Amount to be determined.*

Vote:

- Motion carried — *Yes* to all proposed allocations listed above.

Action Items

- Christie to connect with Jolene regarding signs

- Date: Thursday, June 25
- Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Christie to obtain a quote
- Nicki to look into graduation supplies for the photo booth

Next Meeting

Date: February 18, 2026

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:27p.m.