

Minutes

École Coquitlam River Elementary Parent Advisory Council
Thursday, March 6, 2025

1. In Attendance & Introductions

Meeting Start Time: 19:06

In Attendance: Tanya Wu, Chelsea Giesbrecht, Tanya Wilson, Marina Bradshaw, Alysha Hackett, Soorin Kim, Miriam Wiggins, Nicole Spindor, Ainsley Pescitelli, Tara Morton, Mona Fayaz, and David Mushens

2. Approval of Minutes – February

Minutes were approved by: Marina Bradshaw and Chelsea Geisbrecht

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved by: Tanya Wilson and Alysha Hackett

4. Principals Report

- Spring concert next week
 - o Parking on the field for night time concert
- Trying to spend the \$2500 – want to put in a sandbox for the diggers (estimate is more than the \$2500 (~\$5000))
- Spring Break Mar 17-28
- ~29 Eng kindergarteners registered

Q&A

- Is cat poop going to be an issue with sandboxes? – Other local schools have not had this issue with their sandboxes, so we are optimistic that it will be a non-issue.
- Do you want parent volunteers to help with the flagging for the spring concert night? – You can put it out there, it wouldn't hurt.
- Planetarium date in May? – May 5th or 12th works.

5. Treasurer Update

CRE PAC Treasurer Report

School Year 2024/2025

Meeting Date: March 6, 2025

Remind the teachers that the following is available to them again:

- Classroom fund: \$150/division
- Field trip fund: \$5/student
- Teacher Wishlist: \$2500 – to be used towards the sandbox

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- Vote for Carnival Budget: \$5000 (Carnival is a fundraiser – Open to the public)
 - o Friday, June 6th – 4-8pm
 - o Yes – Unanimous vote
- Vote for Teacher Appreciation Weeks: \$500
 - o Amount for the coffee truck (~\$10-\$15/staff member)
 - Cookie and beverage
 - o Yes – Unanimous vote

ACCOUNT BALANCES – Mar 3, 2025

Operating Fund - \$31,866.99

- To be withdrawn (cheques issued): \$ 1,440.16

Gaming Fund – \$8, 157.69

Playground Fund - \$13,350.35

Grade 5 Account - \$ 2,809.72

Item	Approved Budget 2024-2025	Spent to Date	Current Balance
BCCPAC Membership (Gaming account)	\$ 75	\$ 101.50	-\$ 26.50
Babysitting (\$17.50/hr)	\$ 700	\$ 245.00	\$ 455.00
Social Committee	\$ 300	\$ 172.06	\$ 127.94
Classroom Funds	\$ 3,000	\$ 644.72	\$ 2,355.28
Teacher wish list	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500.00
Field Trip Funds	\$ 1,600	\$ 346.50	\$ 1,253.50
Snowflake Ball/ DJ	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,273.62	-\$ 23.62
Pac Movie Night*	\$ 1,000	\$ 589.55	\$ 410.45
Grad Funds	\$ 500	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Christmas Hampers	\$ 500	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Strong Start	\$ 500		\$ 500.00
PAC Supported Lunches (Increased to 4,500 from 3,500. Approved Feb 6, 2025)	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,870.00	\$ 1,630.00
Munch a Lunch	\$ 280		\$ 280.00
Miscellaneous Admin Expenses	\$ 500		\$ 500.00
Volunteer appreciation gifts (draws)	\$ 200	\$ 62.97	\$ 137.03
PAC Zoom (approved Sept 12, 2024)	\$ 214	\$ 192.55	\$ 21.45
December Treat day Charlie's Chocolate (approved Oct 2, 2024)	\$ 616	\$ 604.80	\$ 11.20
Popcorn Machine (approve Nov 5, 2024)	\$ 325	\$ 324.79	\$ -
Carnival	Need to Vote		
Teacher Appreciation Week	Need to Vote		
TOTALS:	\$ 18,560	\$ 8,428.06	\$ 10,131.73

*Need to add in February Movie Night

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6. Input from Parents Present:

- Bouncy castles and inflatable rentals – making sure they have insurance
- Buddy Bench – How many are there? Are they being used? – there are 2 buddy benches; one is more designated than the other. We could do a refresher on them – David will mention it to staff for a refresher.
- Yellow paint around the kindergarten wood barrier – May need to be done again

7. Chairpersons Report

- Newsletter – March/April to go home early next week
- Hot Lunches/Treat Days this month
 - o Fri Mar 7th – TCBY
 - o Tues Mar 11 – Fruit/Veg Day – Eggs
 - o Thur Mar 13 – Little Caesar's Lunch
 - Volunteers needed
- Upcoming Events
 - o Next week is teacher appreciation week
 - Parent Support needed – sign up: <http://tinyurl.com/2025teacherscre>
 - Monday we will have Rolling Joe Coffee in the front loop
 - Open for parent orders from ~8:15-10am
 - If it's a success, we could ask them to come back for our carnival
 - o Pedalheads discount – COQRIVER25
 - For any of their summer camps. You save \$25 and the PAC gets \$25 every time its used
 - Share the code with people
 - o Year-End Carnival – June 6, 4-8pm (time may change)
- Cross Lights Update – post bottoms have been installed on either side of both crosswalks
- Portable Planetarium – May 6th or 12th
- PAC Secretary is needed – Alysha Hackett has volunteered to fill the role
- DPAC representative needed
- Mother's Day Shopping Night – Cancelled

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Ongoing Fundraisers:

- **Purdy's** – Ordering open until April 2, 2025. Campaign Code 34772 – <https://tinyurl.com/cre25springpurdys>
- **Growing Smiles** – CoquitlamRiver.growingsmilesfundraising.com – Ordering closes April 16th, 2025 – Pick up May 1st, 2025 (2:30-3pm – front foyer, 6-7pm front foyer)
- **Cobbs @ Oxford crossing** – you can donate your points to the PAC.
- **Mabel's Labels** – go to mabelslabels.ca and click “support a fundraiser” search for our school (CRE PAC) and get shopping. There is a wide variety of labels you can create.
- **Return it Depot** - walk up with your bottle returns in a clear or see-through blue plastic bag and put in the school's phone number (604) 942-0241 into the express return machine – print out your labels and place them on the bags to leave in the express return area for your deposit to go to the fundraising efforts. Don't forget to scan the bag, and remember there is a **maximum of 12 glass bottles per bag, and 6 bags per day.**

8. Grade 5 Update

- Volunteers needed for driving/clean up/supervision – check your e-mails!
- Facebook group – <https://tinyurl.com/cre25grade5>
- There should be a bus – David booked a bus
- Volunteers needed for the celebration clean up and supervision

9. New Business

- Maybe add a kids' craft vendor section at the Carnival?
- Milk Carton Igloo Project – Mona Fayaz will follow up with David Mushens
- StrongStart facilitator is interested in using the funds for supplies – Check with Lina
- Next Carnival Meeting – April
 - o A group chat on WhatsApp
 - o Begin booking inflatables now
- Munch-A-Lunch is up for Spring Semester – first cut off is during Spring Break
- Volunteers needed to help clean up the storage area and kitchen either during Spring Break or early April

10. Next Meeting – April 10th, 2025

11. Adjournment: 20:06