

ÉCOLE GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes



Glen PAC Minute

Date | time January 20, 2025. |7 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Natalia Fonseca.

In Attendance

PAC Executives: Kristine Alvarez - Chair, Natalia Fonseca – Vice-chair, Isabela Lloyd - Secretary, Rachel Au and Shannon Enge – Treasures, Heather McMullen - DPAC.

School Staff: Mrs. Daneault – Principal.

Parents online: Martha Ledo, Azadeh, Raha Yonselfi, Eveline Yu, Sashana Grant, Arash, Sanaz, Mohammad Khosravi.

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Natalia Fonseca, the PAC vice chair, who welcomed everyone and acknowledged the ancestral and ceded territory of the Coquitlam First Nation.

- Natália Fonseca outlined the agenda for the meeting and requested approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.
 - Motion to approve the minutes made by Kristine, seconded by Heather. Motion passed.
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Administrator`s Report

Mrs. Daneault provided updates on school activities, including:

School Updates and Survey Results

- Successful Book Fair, gymnastics event, choir performances, and gingerbread house building.
- Completion of the Middle Development Instrument (MDI) survey, which showed positive well-being outcomes for students.
- Acknowledgment of the diverse language backgrounds of students and the school's high student turnover rate.
- Positive results from the Student Learning Survey, which will help guide the school's future planning.

School Activities and Upcoming Events

- Basketball program runs until early March, culminating in a performance.
- Second report cards will be sent home before spring break (March 17–28). School resumes on March 31.
- The Como Lake Relays Festival is scheduled for April 17.

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- Upcoming events include a Spring Concert with a Canada-themed performance and student-led conferences.
- Mrs. Makepeace, currently on maternity leave, will return in 2026.
- Parents are reminded to keep sick children at home due to high illness rates in the community.

Enrollment Process and Kindergarten Registration

- Families interested in transitioning to a program of choice (Montessori, late French immersion) should apply by the end of the week.
- Cross-catchment application process begins in February.
- Kindergarten registration opens in early February.
- Anticipated enrollment of approximately 550 students next year with 24 additional classes.
- Families moving within the district can continue at Glen without re-enrollment.

School Surveys and Community Engagement

- Students in grades 4 and 10 participate in three annual surveys to collect data on school experiences.

School and After-School Programs Discussion

- Inquiry into after-school soccer program availability for grades 2-4.
- Mrs. Daneault explained that community partners provide after-school programs based on demand and availability.
- Families are encouraged to explore alternative community programs if a desired program is unavailable.
- Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony confirmed for June 25th (pending calendar update).

PAC Updates

- The importance of maintaining open communication channels between PAC and the school is emphasized.
- Upcoming events include movie nights and hot lunches. Christine to share details about screening *Inside Out 2*.
- Martial arts program starts Monday after spring break; tickets sell out quickly.
- Donation Request: PAC will send a request for the Staff Appreciation Lunch in May.

DPAC SD43 Updates

Heather brought information from DPAC meeting:

- Controversy surrounding the new mobile app interface for the iPad and the encouragement for parents to log in using their BC service card.
- The need to keep the constitution and bylaws in the Pac file folder accessible to the school community.
- The issue of vaping, which is prohibited on school grounds.

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- Canceled the workshop about putting parent controls on the iPad, which she will try to reschedule and share the information if it becomes available again.

Mrs. Daneault discussed the use of technology in schools, particularly in middle and high schools.

- Glen Elementary School has a policy of not allowing devices in schools due to the risk of loss or damage, and the availability of phones for staff to make emergency calls.
- Families occasionally request devices for children who walk home alone, but the school maintains that devices should stay in backpacks during school hours.
- The school's code of conduct reflects the BC Code of Human Rights, emphasizing responsible and safe use of technology.
- Parents are advised to supervise their children's use of internet and social media, especially for those under 13, to protect them from potential harm.

Treasurer's Report

Rachel reported:

- **Community Account:** Healthy balance with funds from hot lunch sales and Book Fair.
- **Gaming Account:** \$6,600.
- **Grade 5 Fundraising:** Nearly \$2,000.
- Upcoming fundraising activities: hot lunches, movie nights, martial arts program.
- Grade 5 fundraising plans to be discussed further.

Grade 5

Eveline discussed the upcoming Projects and Activities

- **Card Project:** Create by Kids fundraiser, with Grade 5 students assisting.
- **Valentine's Day Treats:** Eveline, Shannon, and Cecilia to coordinate, ensuring it takes place outside school hours.

Adjournment

Natalia motioned to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Kristine seconded.

The next PAC meeting was scheduled for February 18th, online over Zoom.

Written by: Isabela Lloyd