



PAC GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, February 25, 2025 – 7:00 PM

Library, Citadel Middle School

MEETING MINUTES

Members In Attendance: 9 members in person

(Anu Dawit-Kanna, Megan MacDonald, Alaina Milicevic, Cara Schuster, Rachel Sebestyen, Shawna Comey, Josephine Chan, Kelsey Fligg, Andrea Rodriguez)

1. Meeting called to order @ 7:00pm

By Anu Dawit-Kanna

2. Agenda and Approval of Previous Minutes

Anu Dawit-Kanna/Megan MacDonald

- a. Tonight's agenda, previously posted online, was left at each attendees' table.
- b. January's PAC Meeting Minutes were posted online and there was no feedback or requested amendments.
 - i. Motion to approve minutes & agenda as presented:
 - ii. Seconded
 - iii. Call for Vote

M.Mac./C.S.

S.C./R.S.

Unanimous

Motion Passed

3. Chair's Report

Anu Dawit-Kanna

- There is still no update from the Ministry regarding a Hazel Trembath rebuild
 - o Our writing campaign seemed to be successful with regards to member participation but no one appeared to receive a response other than the auto reply which is disappointing. Still, a big thank you to all of those sent emails!
- Four PAC Executive members met with our new District Assistant Superintendent Paul McNaughton February 25th to introduce ourselves and discuss a few things.
- Co-Chairs followed up with MLA Mike Farnworth to have the discussion we requested before the election. That meeting took place last week (on Family Day).
 - o He hopes we might hear something March 4th when the budget is announced.
- At the last General Meeting we introduced two proposals for committees and requested Member feedback but no one came forward. We may not need a committee for Advocacy if we get good news next month and the Division Rep discussion can be revisited at the start of the new school year if we think it might be needed.
- Discussion around the recent issue of buses leaving late from Hazel site.
- A question was asked to the Principal whether lice notifications are also going home to specific students who share a bus with exposed classrooms



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- March's meeting will be cancelled as it is only a week away and there should be no new business. Agreed by members present.

4. Gaming Grant Eligibility & PAC Executive Positions

Megan MacDonald

- A brief presentation was completed explaining the Provincial Gaming Grant, where the funds come from, how we maintain eligibility for said funds, and what the funds can be used for. Please reach out to PAC Secretary if you would like more information; it will also be posted tomorrow (Feb. 26th) on our Facebook page's weekly "DYK" (Did You Know) Segment.
- Secondary presentation describing what each Executive position entails.
- Announced PAC Executive Co-Chairs, Treasurer, and one DPAC Co-Chair will be stepping down from their positions at the end of this school year while Secretary and second DPAC Co-Chair have signaled their intent to run for Executive positions again.
 - o Elections will be called at the April General Meeting and elections held at the end of the May Annual General Meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

Cara Schuster

- The following report was read aloud to the members present:

Treasurer's Report Monthly Update

Jan-25					
Item	Item Description	Money out	Money In	Comments	
Hot Lunch Fundraiser	White Spot Jan 31 2025	\$ 981.92	\$ 1,264.52	Profit of \$282.60 for the 2025-2026 Operating Budget after expenses	
Grade 5 Snack Day Fundraiser	New Year Snack Sale Jan 24 2025	\$ 78.94	\$ 322.80	Profit of \$243.86 to Grade 5 Grad committee after expenses	
Grade 5 Snack Day Fundraiser	December Snack Sale	\$ 27.08		Profit of \$174.38 to Grade 5 Grad committee after expenses (Final)	
Dine Out Fundraiser	Emilio Finatti	\$ -	\$ 206.74	\$206.74 Profit for the 2025-2026 Operating Budget	
Childcare	No Childcare Jan			Funds from Childcare Expenses	
PAC Meetings/Socials		\$ 8.74	\$ -	Funds from PAC Socials/Meetings	
Fundraiser			\$ -	Profit for the 2025-2026 Operating Budget	

6. Budget Amendment Vote

Anu Dawit-Kanna

- As a refresher from last month's meeting, costs are increasing, the PAC has been funding more and this is not going to be something the PAC can continue to maintain in perpetuity. We need to look to the future as inflation doesn't appear to be easing any time soon.
- It was suggested that the PAC re-allocate the remaining fire donation funds to roll over equally into the next two years in hopes that by then things have evened out and we are back in our community.
- This proposal was announced and explained at the previous PAC General Meeting and also shared to our members on our social media on February 19th. There were no emails or comments received requesting more information, potential amendments or other solutions to the PAC's funding constraints and, therefore, a vote was called to proceed.
 - o Motion to approve amendment to budget as present
 - o Seconded
 - o Call for Vote

M.Mac.

K.F.

Unanimous (Y)

Motion Passed



7. PAC Fundraising and Events

Shawna Comey & Others

- Portrait fundraiser is happening May 31st & June 1st; the \$40 sitting fee goes right to the PAC.
- April 5th is a Grade 5 fundraiser night out at Excel Martial Arts kids (pizza and a movie running from 6-9pm) where 20% of profits will go to the Grade 5 graduation fund.
- As Castle Park is holding their own Fun Fair this year, Hazel has had to pivot this year for our largest annual event. On May 30th will be holding our brand new Family Game Night & DJ Dance Party.
 - o This event will be held at Winslow-Hazel, primarily indoors but there will also be outdoor elements.
 - o There will be a bouncy castle, silent auction, games, glow sticks, a live DJ, food trucks, concession and a new grade 5 tradition replacing the dunk tank.
 - o If you would like to help continue to plan this event please reach out to Shawna Comey; volunteers for the day of the event will also be requested closer to the event.
- No grade 5 snack sale in March, will be back in April.
- Upcoming Hot Lunches will be as follows:
 - o April 24th Noodlebox, May 23rd Taco Del Mar, June 6th Pasta Polo
 - * All three will be posted on Munch a Lunch at the same time to save us on the processing fees.
- The Annual Teacher's Appreciation Lunch is May 6th and, as usual, PAC will also sent out correspondence to parents closer to the event to ask if they would like to donate above and beyond what the PAC has budgeted to provide.
 - o This year we will try to set up donation payments through KEV (School Cash Online)
- For next school year, we are on the list for a potential in-school event by Kelty Mental Health with special guest "Rock N Beau".
- GardenWorks Fundraiser will be starting up next week and run until the beginning of June. Details will be shared upon launch and notices sent out via all usual outlets.

8. Secretary's Report/School Board Update

Megan MacDonald

- Secretary attending two meetings this month; one on February 11th (regularly scheduled) and a second on February 18th (special budget meeting).
- During budget discussions, it was mentioned that the Ministry is due to announce the 2025-2026 annual budget funding on March 4th and that the District would hear the specifics to SD43 around Mid-March which suggests we may hear about a Hazel rebuild within the next few weeks. Fingers crossed!
- Secretary also posed question to the Board about keeping maintenance funding for Hazel applied to the Winslow Building and was assured by Secretary-Treasurer Manhas that Winslow will be upkeep while we are within the building and they would not be cutting the maintenance budget pool.
- Co-Chair thanked Secretary for going to all these meetings on her own time at the School Board to advocate and be present to keep Hazel in their sights.



9. DPAC Update

Rachel Sebestyen

- Meeting was held and DPAC Co-Chair attended on January 29th
- Introduction of new District Superintendent Nadine Tambellini and other changes to the Assistant Superintendents positions.
- DPAC President Rosey Manhas did not chair the meeting as she had stepped back from official duties while running for School Board Trustee; a position she recently won in the bi-election held not long ago. Congratulations to her.
- Assistant Superintendent Stephen Whiffen gave a presentation on technology and AI in the classroom and how the district is beginning to implement the use of Microsoft Co-Pilot.
 - o The presentation focused on privacy, security, and how it would be integrated into the overall school and curriculum systems.

10. Principal's Report

Dave Phelan

- Mt Seymour field trip today was a success, next group is on Thursday.
- Painting workshop started today; Bangra dancing is coming up.
- The cross-catchment application process has been completed and is ongoing for finalization; will have more concrete numbers in a few weeks.
- Grade 4's have been busy this year finishing their required FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) and MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument Survey) and will need to do another student learning survey from the government. There will also be a parent survey.
- Working on the 2025-2026 school action plan for learning; it will continue to be Literacy as it was this year (3-4 years ago was numeracy).
- The school's Social-Emotional goal has been "self-regulation" for the last 3 years. We will be moving to "resiliency" for next year. Superflex will be initiated as a school-wide program about how to acknowledge and deal with your emotional state.
- Continued focus on indigenous connections and studies; plan is to continue and increase our community involvement focus.
- Report cards are coming out soon; if you have issues logging in please reach out to the school. (PAC Secretary will also try to put together and post a "how-to" online)
- Budgeting wish list for next year = skating (\$1,000), tennis (\$2,000), and some sort of drumming unit (\$2,500).
- Question from member about staff morale and how they are feeling:
 - o The lack of announcement or communication by the Ministry is felt by both staff and parents as we are all feeling in limbo and the accompanying exhaustion.
 - o PAC will continue to do what they can by reminding staff about their allocated funds to use, holding the above mentioned staff appreciation, etc. Principal also noted a kind email to staff after a field trip or other class event is always a welcome read.
 - o Temporary doesn't feel temporary anymore and it's hard. It was reiterated by members to the Principal how much we, as parents, miss interacting with our teachers and we feel they miss that as well.



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- Question from member about holding more events like the terry fox run on Hazel property:
 - o We definitely want to do that but with the weather makes it difficult this time of year but we still want to do something.
 - o Co-Chair mentioned we are working on StreamSavers to hold an event on Hazel property.
 - o Suggestion that the indigenous games events potentially be held on Hazel site.

11. Open Floor Discussion

- Mention that the Caring Hearts Daycare on Hazel site is back open; so glad to see!
- Question from member about where the money comes from to pay for things like the guest instructors for Christmas concerts etc:
 - o Currently our events are being paid for by the Education Fund or PAC funds gained from fundraising; but, as mentioned previously, the Education Fund that contains the donations received after the fire will not be around forever and activities will once more be paid for by PAC fundraising or parent required purchase.
- Comment that when we hold fundraisers or events to mention what we are fundraising for and/or what fundraiser was to thank for the event being held.
- Discussion about how to best reach parents who are not on socials; Secretary to action.

12. Call to Conclude Meeting @ 8:32PM

- i. Motion to end meeting
- ii. Seconded
- iii. Call for Vote

M.Mac.

A.M.

Unanimous (Y)

Motion passed

*** NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD: 7:00PM April 8th, 2025 at Citadel Middle School**