

In Attendance:

Christine Mackenzie (President), Donna Ciarniello (Vice President), Katherine McGill (Treasurer), Courtney Eisel (Secretary), Andrea Trevino, Jessica Biamonte, Daphne Cortes, Amy Tsang, Gagandeep Dhillon, Wendy Luque, Christian Lopez, Soda Cran, Helen Cran

1.) Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement

Meeting Started: 6:02 pm

Motion: Christine

Seconded: Courtney

2.) Approval of Agenda

Motion: Courtney

Seconded: Katherine

3.) Approval of the June 17th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

This is tabled to the next meeting

4.) President's Report

We are hitting the ground running. We have lots of great plans for this year! We welcome and encourage volunteering in any way parents are comfortable doing as there are many

5.) Principal's Report

Welcome, everyone!

A bit of an exciting start...in April we submitted the "current" enrollment numbers and were assigned 18 divisions. As of September, we have risen to 411 students this year and went from 18 to 19 Divisions and stabilize the enrollment and interview teachers to fill the position for the 19th division.

Will try to send out "real-time" relevant emails as things occur rather than long emails with too much information.

Ms. Dimmer-Drew is head teacher this year. On Thursdays, she covers the school for Mr. Wright when he attends district meetings

We have 5 Dept Heads:

- **Feeding Futures:** Ms. Wilkman
- **Primary:** Ms. Jorgenson, Ms. Burke
- **Intermediate:** Ms. Skukas
- **Student Services:** Mr.Dalman

Terry Fox assembly is tomorrow

Truth and Reconciliation is September 30th. We will be having a school assembly on the 29th.

Welcoming Conversations Oct 8th and 9th ; Early Dismissal—opportunity to share information about your child having to do with their social-emotional aspects of their education; ways they may need to be supported, gifts they may have, etc.

Community BBQ at the end of each of these days, at 5pm.

6.) Fundraising

- **Mitchell's Soup:** Mitchell's soup fundraiser will start on November 3rd!
 - <https://tinyurl.com/MitchellsSoupJP>
 - We will receive 35% from every soup sold!
- **Kid's Holiday Market in December:** working to plan date
 - Turn the gym into a market for kids to buy presents for their families.
 - Open up the market to parents/caregivers at the end of the day.
 - Start collecting donations in November
 - Event to take place in early December
- **Raffle, 50/50:**
 - Best Seats iBest Seats in the House Raffle and 50/50
 - Two sets of front row seats to the Winter Concert will be raffled off.
 - We also run a 50/50 in conjunction to this raffle.

7.) Hot Lunch

- Tomorrow is Dominos Pizza; we have in-house veggies, chocolate milk, juice boxes
- We do something every Wednesday; treat one week (cookie, frozen yogurt, etc.), lunch meals (Domino's, Subway, Sushi Fu, etc.)

8.) 5th Grade

- **Halloween Dance:**
 - The dance is scheduled for Friday, October 17th, 6:00pm-8:30 pm.
 - Come in costume! (school-appropriate)
 - Adult supervision is required
 - **Pre-Order Concessions and Misc. Goodies on Munchalunch:**
 - We will not order much extra beyond what has been pre-ordered, as we don't want to risk having waste at the end of the night.
 - Prices for concession will be higher the night of the event
- **Hoodies:**
 - The 5th graders have voted and chosen the image for the hoodies. We will start getting signatures around October 3rd.
 - **Freezies:**
 - \$350 so far
 - Courtney found boxes on clearance which will help with profits for 5th Grade!
- **Personalized Magnets: 2"x2":** *(to be split 50/50 with 5th grade as Donna is running this)*
 - November 3-28th campaign dates
 - All done online, through their website: there will be a unique order code for 10% off their purchase. 20% of sales go to the PAC. Delivered one week after orders closed
 - They are also donating some "affirmation magnets" for our raffle

- **Halloween Spooky Shop:** We have decided to add something new to the Halloween dance! The Cosmic Cauldron Boo-Tique will be open for business, selling Halloween treats, goodies, and things that glow! Purchases can be paid for by cash or e-transfer.
- **Bottle Drive:**
 - Donna takes care of this and takes them to be recycled so that our school gets 100% back rather than the 50% for having them processed for us. **Donations are welcome every day for Donna to pick up.** Please, no YOP containers please as they are not accepted by the recycling depot. Please try to rinse bottles and cans if possible.
- **January Bottle Drive:**
 - PAC member made a suggestion: Contest for classes to see which class can bring in the most bottles/cans with an incentive (possibly a pizza party, etc.)

9.) Treasurer's Report

- Budgets for the 2025/26 school year were presented to show attendees what PAC spends its funds on.
- Bank account balances on September 22nd, 2025 are:
 - **General Acct:** \$14,374.80
 - **Gaming Acct:** \$541.00
 - **Savings Acct:** \$3011.11
- 2024/25 Gaming Grant Report to be filed later this week.
- The 2025/26 Gaming Grant will be automatically deposited in early October.
- The 2024/25 Financial Statement for the James Park PAC will be presented at the next PAC meeting.

10.) Old Business

- **Parking at Drop-off and Pick-up**
 - **Double Parking is ILLEGAL and DANGEROUS**
 - We have had instances where parents have double-parked, creating safety risks. When community members point out that this behavior is unsafe, their goal is to protect the children. Responding with abusive language, swearing, or rude gestures not only reflects poorly on yourself but is completely unacceptable in a public setting—especially at an elementary school, where young children are witnessing your poor behavior. ***Please remember that everyone's priority is the safety of the children.***
 - **ANYONE can report** unsafe driving, parking, and behaviors by a fellow community member to Port Coquitlam bylaw for unsafe driving or parking
 - **To Report:**
 - 604-927-5440
 - bylawservices@portcoquitlam.ca

- o **Do not park on, in front of, or behind the crosswalk**
- o **Staff parking is NOT for parents**
 - **NOT for drop-off or pick-up**

11.) New Business

- **Breakfast Club:**
 - o Community, everyone is welcome
- **Silvia Jorge (and Alex): Community Support**
 - o Silvia
 - o Trying to find ways to help families in our community with Food Security. Has built community partners with so many organizations and works really hard
 - o Having a “store” in 202 for families to get essentials to help them through if they are experiencing a difficult time and need assistance.

12.) Adjournment

- **Next Meeting:** October 28th, 2025
 - o Following meeting date proposed:
 - October 28th, 2025
 - November 25th, 2025
 - o **End:** 7:24 pm