



MINNEKHADA PAC

Meeting Minutes

19 January 2026

7:00pm via Online

Meeting Date: January 19, 2026
Location: Online - Microsoft Teams

In Attendance:

- PAC Executive: Anita Wilson (Chair), Kristy Dastur (DPAC), Katarina Halaszova (Treasurer), Breanna Cook (Fundraising), Corinne Vanden Hoven (Communications), Tia Tang (Member at Large), Stacey Gokool (Member at Large).
- School Administration: Jill Reid –Principal and Kirsten Paterson – Vice Principal.
- Guests: Susan Nishimura - Teacher
- Regrets: Krista Stusiak (Secretary), Luisa Martin (Hot Lunch).
- Acting Secretary: Stacey Gokool

1. 7:02 pm - Call to Order
 - 1.1. Call to Order & Territory Acknowledgment.
 - 1.2. PAC attendance, introduction and regrets
2. Call for New Business – added Scholastic Bookfair
3. Approval of Agenda – updated by Anita Wilson and emailed to PAC Executive prior to approval - moved and seconded - PASSED.
4. Approval of Past Minutes – moved and seconded as presented – PASSED.
5. President's Report Anita Wilson
 - Anita thanked Kirsten for her time spent at Minnekhada and the impact she has had on the community. Anita wished Kirsten well on her move to a new school.
 - School pick up and drop off concerns were discussed during the meeting. Anita shared that there are recurring issues with cars parked on Ulster causing problems with congestion and safety on the street. Bylaws has encouraged us to do our part in monitoring parents at drop off; the city needs to do their part as well. License plates of offending vehicles will be reported to Bylaws.
6. MMS Administration Report Jill Reid and Kirsten Paterson
 - Kirsten Paterson presented a summary of how busy the school community has been.
 - Jill Reid introduced Susan Nishimura to present some exciting news.
 - Jill Reid shared that the school has received a grant from Maxine Wilson for \$20,000 towards a basketball court which will be a shared community space. Jill requested a letter of support from PAC for the City of Port Coquitlam.
 - Susan Nishimura shared news about a celebration of Minnekhada Middle School core values. The school had an unveiling ceremony for a painting representing Minnekhada's core values and the school community done by artist Kat Thorsen. The piece hangs above the Learning Commons inside the school and has been a long, collaborative process from 2019 to now.
7. Committees Reports

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- 7.1. DPAC Kristy Dastur
 - Kristy provided a brief update.
 - Next DPAC meeting is Wednesday January 28, 2026.

- 7.2. Hot Lunch Breanna Cook
 - Breanna Cook provided a brief update on Luisa's behalf.
 - Anita shared a summary about Hot Lunch parent supported donations and gave a thank you to the parents who contributed to this initiative.

- 7.3. Fundraising Breanna Cook
 - Breanna Cook gave short report.
 - Current fundraisers:
 - Feb 13 Valentine's Candy Bags. Ordering closes January 30th.
 - Feb 27 Sphero Robotics Coding Pro D Day Camp. Register on Karelo.

- 7.4. Communications Corrine Vanden Hoven
 - Brief update from Corrine Vanden Hoven.
 - Next newsletter is scheduled for February 2nd.
 - Anita reminded our main communication is email and newsletter. Facebook is supplemental and we have no Instagram account.

- 7.5. Members at Large Tia Tang & Stacey Gokool
 - No report. Tia will present on the Scholastic Book Fair as new business.

- 7.6. Secretary Stacey Gokool (Acting Secretary)
 - No report.

- 7.7. Treasurer Katarina Halaszova
 - Brief report from Katarina.
 - Anita summed up that funds are quite comfortable. She discussed with Katarina about finding a program to make financial recording simple, transparent and easily transferable to incoming PAC exec.

8. New Business
 - 8.1. Scholastic Book Fair Tia Tang
 - Tia Tang gave a brief update on the Book Fair
 - Scholastic Book Fair will be February 19-25, 2026.
 - Parent volunteers are needed.
 - Booklets will circulate and teachers will have wish lists.

9. Action Items
 - Provide Ms. Reid with a letter of support from PAC for the City of Port Coquitlam for the basketball courts.

10. Meeting Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

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