



École Moody Middle School of the Arts

PAC MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 6:30pm in the school
Library

2025-2026 PAC Executive Members Present:

Brenda Van Hemmen	Chair	Jenn Rodriguez	DPAC Representative
Jillian Eaton	Treasurer (absent)	Carlea Wolf	Member at Large
Federica Pritz	Hot Lunch Coordinator		
Alisa Nelson	Secretary		

Tamara Banks **Principal**

Parents present in person:

Nasreen & Tracey

1. Call to Order - 6:35pm

2. Land Acknowledgement (Carlea)

3. Approvals – Minutes from last meeting

- Federica (motion) and Alisa (second)

4. Executive Reports

Brenda

- Movie night in January – Not going ahead due to kids likely seeing the movie already and not being present at the event.

Jenn

- PRESENTATION: The Multilingual Brain: Learning Language in Today's World by Dr. Bonita Squires.
- PowerPoint available at <https://dpac43.ca/documents/presentations>
- Presentation included points such as:
 - The components of language
 - How children acquire their first language
 - The importance of comprehensible input
 - Simultaneous vs sequential bilingualism and how it relates to French Immersion
 - Cognitive benefits of multilingualism
 - Summary:
 - Human brains are primed to learn multiple languages.
 - Children will learn any language that is useful to them in forming social relationships.
 - Children with disabilities can and may benefit at learning multiple languages.
 - Even if a language can only be partially acquired, is still a benefit to learning another language.

5. Budget Update:

- Financial position remains strong
- Waiting on gaming grant (\$7000) – reached out 4 times but the Gaming Grant is working through a backlog and cannot provide an update at this time.
- Possible ways to generate income if we do not get the gaming grant:
 - Remove PAC funding of jerseys (\$7000 – would offset)
 - Field trips no longer subsidized by PAC (\$3000)
 - Movie night/Freezie days/coffee to generate more income
 - Flipgive (Alisa to investigate as a passive fundraising generator)
 - Watch party for FIFA world cup in June as another option for a fundraiser in school gym - June 18th/24th
- Fundraising numbers:
 - Hot Lunch - Expected \$6300 / Actual \$3464 (on track)
 - Liquor – Expected \$500 / Actual \$1438 (earnings from 2023 June)
 - Purdy’s - Expected \$500 / Actual \$1000
 - Apples - Expected \$500/ Actual \$820
 - Hot Chocolate - Expected \$600 / Actual \$223
 - Poinsettias - Expected \$200 / Actual \$171
- Hot Lunch expected to exceed expectations
- Teacher and Exploration Budget - Reimbursement for teachers by April 2026
- Pizza Night 15% back in profit – Next pizza night is Feb 26th
- Domino’s pizza night in April a possibility

6. Principal Report (Tamara):

- Rebrand has gone well – kids and staff wearing new shirts (Lions)
- Assembly to kick off the rebrand
- Musical is up and running – Alice in Wonderland performance in May
- Dance unit is starting with a hoe down (line dancing) in February
- A group of international students (20) from Taiwan to integrate in EMMSOTA in February and another group in May
- Moody Elementary opening on January 13th – traffic and drop off/pick up will be busy
- Timberline in Maple Ridge confirmed for Grade 8 leaving trip- June 15 to 17 - \$300 per person. Classes may need to fundraise for this trip as students will not be subsidized. Tamara to find out the number of families that may need financial assistance for this trip.
- June 22 or 23rd school wide trip to Rocky Point field trip – BBQ and games

7. Events/Fundraisers /Scope of the Year:

- Scope of the year:
 - Carlea – Fundraising letter for parents/guardians to go out at the beginning of the school year. As this is the first letter it will go out in January and then again in October 2026.
 - Cobbs Bread – Fundraiser between Feb 5 – Mar 7 cobbs Suter Brook to collect funds for Moody Middle. Sales staff will ask customers if they would like to donate to Moody Middle during that time period. On Mar 7th – that is called doughnation day, and \$2 from every 6 pack of hot cross buns will be donated to the school. Feb 21st is pay to play day and you go in with your instrument and play hot cross buns or sing it and get a free hot cross bun
 - Cupcake fundraiser (Brenda to organize)

8. Other Business:

- **None at this time**

7:55pm – meeting adjourned

Next Meeting – Wednesday February 4th, @ 6:30pm