

MEETING MINUTES MAY 2025

DATE MAY 8, 2025 / 6:00 PM / MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, AND WELCOME

Called to order at 6:07 p.m.

In attendance: Noel, Tsandlia, Kathy, Pam, Michelle, Anna, Emily, Holly, Jessica, Matthew, Kimberly, Gillian, Nicole. Several new people joined but full introductions weren't done.

Land Acknowledgement

We are privileged to meet this evening on the Sto:lo traditional and unceded territory of the Pilalt, Ch-ihl-kway-uhk (Chill-Qway-Ick) and Sema:th tribes where we work, learn and play.

Agenda and Minutes Approval

- Agenda Approval
 - **Motion:** That the agenda be approved as circulated.
 - Motioned by Matthew. Seconded by Pam.
- Minutes Approval
 - **Motion:** That the minutes of the April 2025 meeting be approved as circulated.
 - Motioned by Pam. Seconded by Matthew.
- AGM Minutes Approval
 - **Motion:** That the minutes of the 2024 AGM meeting be approved as circulated.
 - Motioned by Pam. Seconded by Matthew.

Officer and Standing Committee Reports

- Chairperson's Welcome
 - Michelle welcomed everyone. Lots of new faces this time!
- Principal/Vice-Principal's Report
 - May 1 - Cross country race Cultus Lake Swilhcha
 - May 2 - Read-A-Thon
 - May 9 - Hot lunch Opa's
 - May 12-14 - Book fair
 - May 14-15 - Canoe pull
 - May 16 - No school - ProD Day
 - May 19 - Victoria day - no school

- May 22 - District disability sports day
- May 23 - Ready Set Explore/Kinderfair (morning)
- May 27 - School photos - class and panoramic
- May 29 - School assembly
- May 30 - Assessment and evaluation day - no school

Other updates:

- Mural update - starting soon - possibly next week dependent on weather
- Wheelchair basketball - PE May 5-9
- Parking lot/crosswalk:
 - Safety reminders, parking
 - Speeding, curbs
 - There was talk about RCMP liaison notification. Can we get a speed trap set up? Difficult to do
 - Extra crosswalk - can be possible but it's not up to the school
- Staffing update
 - Grade 3 division posting has just closed - interviewing starting, possibly hired by end of next week.
 - Temp postings will be going out soon.
- Student teachers - finished
 - Last official day is next thursday. Finishing coursework before graduating.
- Stream of Dreams - varnish
 - Recommended to be done every 4 years
 - Parents did the varnishing last time - Michelle thinks she still has the varnish at home.
 - Wondering if we want to do it again too?
 - Explained what it was for the parents new to the school.
 - Estimated cost is \$2500 - use gaming funds?
 - Going to get the actual cost before voting (expected at the next meeting).
- Chairperson's Report (Michelle Levitsky)
 - I'm thrilled to be through another fantastic year with some huge highlights! Our new Vice Principal is the coolest ever and a great fit in the administrative team. Our principal has been excellent and has navigated us through various challenges with patience and understanding. One of my favourite highlights this year is we had a bunch of new kindergarten and grade one parents get super involved with PAC- They have a fire in them to show up and see what they can do to be involved and it's my goal to do what I can to keep their fire going. I'm excited that the outside of the building is finally complete and that Carrielynn Victor should be starting her piece on the front of the building soon. Thank you to Noel, Tsandlia, the PAC Executives, and all of our volunteers for everything you've done this year- you really made the difference.

Michelle Levitsky

- Vice-Chairperson's Report (Anna Carr)

- Thank you so much for having me on as your Vice Chairperson for the 3rd year. This year started off as a tough one for our family just with our child not having a teacher for the first while, and then it became a bit of an issue, but I have to say that both the principal and vice-principal are top notch. They didn't wait for me to reach out, they reached out first and showed how much my child mattered and came up with a plan to make it work out. I am very thankful for both Mr. Sharman and Ms. Van Wry, and also the teachers in the school. We have it good here. It was a great year on PAC. It was so great to see lots of new faces get involved and passionate about helping at the school. I hope that this helps spark us that have been around for a while as well, so that we can all be fired up for the new school year in September.

We successfully fundraised for different things in the school. One of my favourite things was helping make the water slides field trip more affordable, as I think this is such a great thing for the kids to do, as lots won't get to go without this school field trip.

This is my final year as PAC Vice Chairperson, and it has been an honour. I hope to be involved in some capacity next year, and hope everyone has an amazing summer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anna Carr

- Secretary's Report (Jessica Stevenson)

- I was honored to be elected again as Secretary for the 2024–2025 school year. This year, I focused on improving the timeliness of distributing meeting minutes and am happy to report better consistency in sharing them with the PAC ahead of meetings.

It was another busy and rewarding year for our PAC. Highlights include the much-loved Christmas Lunch, fundraising efforts that supported projects like replacing a broken spinner on the playground and contributing to field trip costs, as well as excitement around the school's building envelope upgrades. We're also looking forward to the upcoming Community Day and the addition of a new mural that will brighten our school space.

I look forward to continuing as a member of this amazing PAC community.

Thank you all for a great year!

- Jessica

- Treasurer's Report (Pam Gallagher)

- Some of the ways that we used the money we raised or received this year:
 - Field Trip Donation (\$2,500.00) to offset what the students would have to pay.
 - PAC Annual Grant from School District \$150.00
 - We received a gaming grant of \$5,440.00
 - Paid ½ for movie license renewal.

- Paid for the pumpkins for the fall event
- The second year of the PAC running the Hot Lunch Program raised \$1921.02 in profit.
- Staff appreciation charcuterie board \$350.00
- Great Little Coupon books money raised was used to offset the cost of the Cultus Lake
- Waterslides and buses
- \$3000 for the Inclusion Art Project Mural at the front of the school.

Thank you to everyone for making my last year as Treasurer a wonderful one.

Pam Gallagher

- DPAC Representative Report (Matthew Stevenson)
 - As the DPAC Representative for McCammon Elementary, I've had the privilege of attending monthly meetings with the Chilliwack District Parent Advisory Council and representing the voices of our school community. Over the 2024–2025 school year, DPAC's work focused on parent advocacy, inclusion, access to student supports, and strengthening collaboration between families and the district.

Below is a brief summary of the five key initiatives DPAC led this year:

High priority DPAC Initiatives

 - Anti-Bullying & Anti-Racism Advocacy
 - DPAC drafted a district-wide letter addressing bullying and racism, encouraging PACs like ours to participate in shared advocacy for safer, more inclusive school environments.
 - Support for Inclusive Education & EAs
 - DPAC pushed for better EA (Educational Assistant) coverage and raised concerns around class composition, advocating through the ACIE and IDEA committees to support students with diverse needs.
 - Strategic Plan Refresh Participation
 - Parents were invited to contribute to the district's strategic plan. DPAC ensured our concerns and priorities were included, and encouraged PACs to participate through surveys and feedback sessions.
 - Therapy & Mental Health Access
 - In response to therapy service restrictions during school hours, DPAC opened dialogue with the district to explore flexible solutions that still meet student needs.
 - Parent Education Workshops
 - DPAC promoted and hosted events such as the SafeTeen workshop and FamilySmart peer sessions, along with presentations from guest speakers like Sue Robbins to help parents become stronger advocates for their children.

I appreciated my involvement and time with the District PAC, and look forward to what is to come next year!

- Matthew Stevenson
- Member At Large Report
 - Lori:
 - As member at large this past school year, i got to work along side a good group of executive members, and volunteers. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication!
 - This year I got to help with planning and serving the Christmas lunch, Help with a few movie night concession.
 - I love the little McCammon school community that we have. And look forward to see what next year brings!
 - Thank you,
 - Lori Schindle
 - Isabelle:
 - As Member At Large for the past school year, it has given me the opportunity to work along some of the best Executive Members and volunteers. I would like to thank you all for your dedicated efforts.
 - 2025-2026 was an exciting year. I had the privilege to attend the Christmas lunch and some field trips. I love being part of the McCammon School community. I look forward to seeing what next year brings.
 - Thank you,
 - Isabelle Freeman
- Fundraising Committee Report (Michelle Levitsky)
 - This year we had lots of new fundraising committee members join us with new and exciting ideas. Some ideas were super successful and others not so much but it was nice to try new things and get those new members directly involved. With all our fundraising this year, we made some really fun purchases that the students loved and will enjoy in the near future. We paid for a pumpkin for each student in the fall for the Fall Fun Day, half the cost of a replacement spinner for the intermediate playground, a cotton candy machine for community day/ movie nights, and offset the cost of the year end waterslides school wide fieldtrip. Our committee has already started booking fundraisers in for next year including the new shiny "Community Values" coupon book.
 - Thank you to everyone who helped with fundraising from sharing your ideas, counting money and putting in all those hours planning. We appreciate you all!
 - Michelle Levitsky
- Hot Lunch Committee Report (Anna Carr)
 - This past year was a successful year with hot lunches. We tried new things and went back to the old tried and true places.
 - We used 9th end café, Papa Johns and White Spot that we have used in the past. We did a day where we made our own hot dogs, and veggie bags. Then we also tried Panago pizza, and Opa for the first time. We are going back to Booster juice but a different location to see how it goes as last time, the drinks were not good. We didn't have many spirit days along with the hot lunches this year. I think the kids missed this a little bit, but there is always fun things happening at the school

that it is ok. I would like to incorporate again next year.

We had a few mishaps, with wrong pricing going out, and not ordering enough food this year, but we learnt from both, and were able to figure things out as we went.

We had some amazing volunteers this year, some repeats from previous years, and others new. It was such a fun team to work with. I enjoyed getting to know people through this, and being involved in the school.

Thank you so much for letting me lead this area. I am excited to be involved again next year in whatever capacity that might be.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anna Carr

● Budget 2025-2026

- Michelle explained the budget for the new people who were not here for the last AGM. For example, it includes known costs such as Munch-a-Lunch subscription.
- Matthew motioned to accept the budget as presented, Pam seconded.
- All in favour.

● Election of the 2025-2026 PAC Executive

- Chairperson
 - Nominations: Michelle x3
 - Elected/Accepted: Michelle Levitsky
- Vice-Chairperson
 - Nominations: Kimberly Stevens x3, Anna Carr (cannot accept), Emily, Holly (declined)
 - Elected/Accepted: Kimberly Stevens
- Treasurer
 - Nominations: Holly x7
 - Elected/Accepted: Holly
- Secretary
 - Nominations: Nicole x5, Jessica
 - Elected/Accepted: Nicole
- DPAC Representative
 - Nominations: Matthew, Emily
 - Elected/Accepted: Emily
- Member-at-Large x2
 - Nominations: Holly (can't hold two positions), Gillian x3, Emily (can't hold two positions), Anna
 - Elected/Accepted: Gillian, Anna
- Anna motioned for Holly, Nicole, Gillian, Emily, Kimberly to be added as signing officers on the PAC's credit union accounts (both regular and gaming) effective June 30, 2025.
- Removing Matthew, Isabelle, Lori, Jessica.

Special Committee Reports

Grade 5 Committee

- Unfortunately, we cannot do the trampoline park for grade 5 year end celebration.
 - School district denied it due to liability issues.
 - More input has been requested from teachers/students.
 - Want to pick an activity that doesn't have long wait times - for example, climbing gyms would only allow 2 students to use the walls at a time, which means the majority of students would spend the day waiting for a turn.
- Grade 5 assembly - Monday, June 23 (approximately 10:30-12:00)

Community Day Committee

- Bouncy castle was denied by the school district.
- Reptile Room
- YMCA
- Vendor tables
- Inflatable basketball game
- Food trucks
- Outdoor games

Unfinished Business and General Orders

- None.

New Business

- Spinner - The one installed was not the one we paid for. Noel will be working with them to get this corrected. He wants to see if they will put this incorrect one at the primary playground (it should be replaced soon anyway).
- Broken arm on playground - great emergency response from staff. Gimli was there for emotional support.

Questions from the Floor

- None.

Announcements

None.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is June 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.