

# MCCAMMON ELEMENTARY PAC MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 2025

OCTOBER 21, 2025 / 10:30 AM / MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

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## CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, AND WELCOME

Called to order at: 10:34am

In Attendance: Ms. Tsandlia Van Ry, Mr. Noel Sharman, Michelle Levitsky, Emily Thody, Nicole Linza, Hollymarie Fortin, Kim Stevens, Carlie Smith, Gill McIntosh and Adelola Isaac

## Land Acknowledgement

*We are privileged to meet this morning on the Stó:lō traditional and unceded territory of the Pil'alt, Semá:th and Ts'elxwéyeqw tribes, where we work, learn and play.*

## Agenda and Minutes Approval

- Agenda Approval
  - **Motion:** That the agenda be approved as circulated.
    - Motioned by Kim Stevens. Seconded by Emily Thody & Nicole Linza.
- Minutes Approval
  - **Motion:** That the minutes of the September 25, 2025 meeting be approved as circulated.
    - Motioned by Hollymarie Fortin. Seconded by Kim Stevens.

## Officer and Standing Committee Reports

- Chairperson's Welcome
  - Michelle Levitsky had nothing new to report.
- Principal/Vice Principal's Report
  - Calendar (October - mid-November)
    - Oct 1–Nov 7 – Grade 4 FSA
    - Oct 3 – Terry Fox Assembly and Run 8:45-10am
    - Oct 10 – Individual Picture Day
    - Oct 13 – Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)
    - Oct 16 – Annual BC Shakeout Earthquake & Family Numeracy Night
      - Both events were very successful.
      - Ms. Van Ry noted it was nice to have so many teachers organizing the event and looked like families enjoyed themselves.
    - Oct 17 – Fall Fun Day
      - Huge thank you to the teachers for organizing so many events for students, and to the parents who lended their vehicles for the pumpkin pickup and assembly line delivery. The kids really enjoyed themselves, the pumpkins were huge and kids came home with the largest pumpkins they could find!
    - Oct 21 – PAC Meeting
    - Oct 22 – Intermediate field trip to Lindeman Lake and Neufeld Farms Orders Due
      - Ms. Van Ry and Mr. Jiwa will both be attending the Lindeman Lake hike

- Oct 23 – Early Dismissal Day #1 (11:04 am)
    - Parent Teacher Conferences
  - **Oct 24 – Provincial Non-Instructional Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
  - Oct 30 – District Staff Meeting (New Start Plan)
  - Oct 31 – Black & Orange and/or Costumes Day
    - Student costumes should be school-friendly with no blood, gore or weapons, as to not offend or scare others.
  - Nov 3–7 – Scholastic Book Fair (Library)
  - **Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> – Assessment and Evaluation Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
  - Nov 7 – Indigenous Veterans/Remembrance Day Assembly (10:30 am)
  - **Nov 10 – Non-Instructional Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
  - **Nov 11 – Remembrance Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
- Other updates:
- Soccer:
    - 2 more soccer games left for the school season
    - teams are co-ed, although many more boys than girls on the McCammon team
    - So far our team is winning all their games.
  - Cross-Country:
    - The Cross-Country Club finished the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October
    - One event for grades 1-3 only will be at Cultus Lake Elementary in the Spring (dates and times will be posted when available).
  - Pumpkins for Fall Fun Day:
    - Last year, Mr. Sharman asked for PAC's approval for payment prior to event, this year PAC was asked after pumpkins were already committed too if PAC would cover
    - Mr. Sharman apologized for not approaching PAC first and will do better going forward to follow appropriate protocols
    - The PAC will vote at today's meeting on pumpkin reimbursement.
  - November 13 is the next PAC meeting (6:00 pm)
    - PAC will be rotating monthly between daytime and evening meetings.
  - School wide Skating Field Trip (December 5<sup>th</sup>):
    - Students and staff will be walking to the Chilliwack Coliseum
    - There will be 2 blocks of skaters; Primary & Intermediate (more details to come)
  - Cultus Lake Waterslides Year End Field Trip:
    - School is hoping for partial PAC proceeds again this year
    - Ms. Van Ry confirmed that in order to secure dates with the waterslides, the field trip must be booked 1 year in advance
    - McCammon received a discount for holding their date in the first week of June, as well as an additional discount for being a 2<sup>nd</sup> year school
    - We received approximately \$900 off.
  - Field Trip Permission Slips and Payment – Rycor:
    - Brand new this year!
    - Ms Van Ry created a visual that will go in the Mustang News for parents to follow along if struggling with the website
    - Finance advised schools ABSOLUTELY NO CASH this year, but Ms Van Ry spoke to Finance and permission will be given to families who need cash options. It'll be Electric (lol)
      - Mrs. Jackson will only be accepting cash at the school's front office on Tuesdays.
    - Ms. Van Ry may even host a Zoom meeting for website training if required.

- District Values and School Growth Plan:
  - New growth plan for School District 33 this year.
  - Due to all the growth plan entails, McCammon is trying to keep things calm for students and staff as to not add anything to extra to teacher's plates this year
  - Kindness, Equity, Innovation will all still be key areas of focus for McCammon, but holding ground on introducing too many new things for now.
  
- PAC Processes:
  - McCammon Admin would like PAC questions, events, concerns all streamlined through the Chair; Michelle Levitsky
  - Admin would prefer to table questions and discussions for meetings
  - Nicole Linza brought up a point about sometimes it not always being efficient waiting an entire month
    - Resolution: Push as much through at monthly meetings as possible, but if something comes up that is more urgent or requires admin approval, Michelle will be the main contact reaching out via email to Mr. Sharman and Ms. Van Ry.
  
- Treasurer's Report:
  - Holly made a simplified version of the expenses spreadsheet
  - Fundraising:
    - \$1,050 coupon book, plus additional incoming E-transfers
  - White Spot Hot Lunch:
    - successful aside from 1 minor issue with a missed burger, which Holly communicated back to the restaurant
    - Profit - \$207
  - Gaming:
    - Balance of \$12,000 in the account
    - Must be used by end of School year
    - \$4,000 will be spent on Good Medicine Songs project as voted on at the September meeting
  
- DPAC Report:
  - Emily Thody attended her 1<sup>st</sup> DPAC Meeting last month
  - Lots of topics discussed, many of which didn't pertain to the Elementary school level
  - Main issue reported was PAC support in other SD 33 schools
    - Schools are having a hard time getting parent volunteers for PAC Committees as well as events
  - Emily advised other DPAC members that McCammon has a great team of PAC members and we're anticipating a great year ahead
  - She has been asked at the next meeting to share what's working for us and what isn't with fellow DPAC members
  - Emily called for a vote that the PAC email be added to the School District 33 website.
  - **Vote:**
    - Yes – 8
    - No – 0

- Fundraising Committee:
  - Kim confirmed:
    - Neufeld Farms orders due tomorrow (October 22)
    - Mitchell's Soups starts in 2 weeks
  - Michelle confirmed:
    - Still collecting Community coupon books
    - So far the school take away is \$2,500
- Hot Lunch Committee:
  - Holly confirmed:
    - Next Hot Lunch is Opa! Greek food on November 14<sup>th</sup>
- Special Committee Reports:
  - Christmas Lunch Committee
    - Kim advised Emily's Sponsor meeting was moved again to Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>
    - Michelle asked that we get a high level budget in place in case we do not get the sponsorship
    - Kim confirmed initial quote was for \$6/person, but we've added buns and Mac & Cheese (popular in prior years)
    - Students + Special Guests (350 ppl)
    - \$3,500 budget (on the high end)
    - **Motion:** That we approve to spend \$3,500 out of gaming (IF REQUIRED)
      - Motioned by Gill McIntosh. Seconded by Hollymarie Fortin
    - **Vote:**
      - Yes – 8
      - No - 0
  - Grade 5 Celebration Committee:
    - Michelle posted on the McCammon Parents Facebook page asking for grade 5 family committee members but has had zero interest to date
    - Mr. Sharman will speak with teachers

## Unfinished Business and General Orders

- Amend 2025-2026 Budget to include Babysitting allotment up to \$180
  - **Motion:** That we spend up to \$180 on PAC meeting babysitting fees
    - Motioned by Hollymarie Fortin. Seconded by Nicole Linza.
  - **Vote:**
    - Yes – 8
    - No – 0
- Amend 2025-2026 Budget to include \$150 Float
  - **Motion:** That we amend budget and repay Hollymarie Fortin for providing the Float
    - Motioned by Kim Stevens. Seconded by Nicole Linza and Gill McIntosh
  - **Vote:**
    - Yes – 8
    - No – 0

- Bounce Castle regulation update:
  - Noel confirmed with SD 33 that Bouncy Castles are a no across the board for school events
  - McCammon is to follow SD33 guidelines.
- Winter or Spring Craft Market – Weekend option?
  - For evenings, Ms. Van Ry or Mr. Sharman could be available, and if not available we could rent through the district but admin may not be present
  - There would likely be a cost for renting McCammon's facilities, but weekends could be an option then for markets
  - Rental process goes through NLC per Mr. Sharman (Neighbourhood Learning Center)
- Stream of Dreams
  - \$17/person confirmed by Mr. Sharman
  - No grant options available this time
  - PAC suggested tabling for this school year due to Good Medicine Songs participation
  - We will review again next year as kids who were in Kindergarten when fish were last done will be in Grade 5 next year
  - Possibly look to re-varnish existing fish in Spring/Summer of this school year

## New Business

- Pumpkins:
  - Reimburse school \$800 (300 pumpkins; one for every student)
  - Etransfer to Joiner from PAC account out of gaming
  - **Vote:**
    - Yes – 8
    - No – 0
- Debit card for regular account:
  - Michelle has concerns and feels it should be locked in the cupboard if one is made available
  - Mr. Sharman also has concerns pertaining to liability and Constitution Guidelines, and feels if that is something PAC deems necessary that the Guidelines be re-drafted first
  - PAC agreed to table for now to ensure appropriate research and measures are completed prior.
- Gaming License fee \$10 reimbursement for Chief's Box seats / Raffle Tickets:
  - **Motion:** That we spend \$10 for the cost of the Gaming License for the Chief's raffle from the gaming account
    - Motioned by Gill McIntosh. Seconded by Nicole Linza
  - **Vote:**
    - Yes – 8
    - No – 0
  - **Motion:** That we spend up to \$25 to purchase raffle tickets for the Chief's raffle from the gaming account
    - Motioned by Nicole Linza. Seconded by Hollymarie Fortin
  - **Vote:**
    - Yes - 8
    - No – 0

- Halloween treat giveaway:
  - Mr. Sharman advised some staff have concerns and would suggest end handout as an option
  - If treats are included they must follow Peanut free, egg free, and Kiwi free guidelines
  - Michelle agreed to email Mrs. Jackson for a confirmed list of school allergies
  - 300 students up to \$1,000?
  - **Motion:** That we spend up to \$1,000 on Treat bags for students
    - Motioned by Gill McIntosh. Seconded by Nicole Linza
  - **Vote:**
    - Yes – 8
    - No – 0

## Questions From the Floor

- None at this time
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## Announcements

- None at this time

## Next Meeting

- Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Multi-purpose Room.

## Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 11:37 am