McCAMMON ELEMENTARY PAC
MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 2026

OCTOBER 20, 2026 / 6:00 PM / MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, AND WELCOME

Called to order at: 6:02 pm

In attendance: Mrs. Carla Thompson, Ms. Tsandlia Van Ry, Nicole Linza, Carlie Smith, Stela Lagios, Isabelle Freeman, Michelle Levitsky, Jazlynne Wardell, Emily Thody, Kelsey Welch, Stef Buhler, Hollymarie Fortin, Joanne Laughlin, Hailey Wood, Albert Wood, Pardeep Virk, Kelsey Pursey, Melissa Thompson, Anna Carr

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are privileged to meet this evening on the Sto:lo unceded traditional territory of the Pil'alt, Semá:th and Ts'elxwéyeqw tribes.

AGENDA AND MINUTES APPROVAL

- Agenda Approval
  - **Motion:** That the agenda be approved as circulated.
    - Motioned by Carlie Smith. Seconded by Nicole Linza.
- Minutes Approval
  - **Motion:** That the minutes of the September 22, 2026 Meeting be approved as circulated.
    - Joanne Laughlin pointed out a spelling error in her son's name; Braydon Preik. Noted change going forward.
    - Motioned by Carlie Smith. Seconded by Emily Thody.

OFFICER AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Chairperson's Welcome
  - Emily welcomed everyone to the meeting
  - Nice to see returning faces, as well as some new ones

- Principal/Vice-Principal's Report
  - School updates & Discussion items:
    - School Enrolment
      - 313 Students (~10% increase from last year)
        - Priority Learners
          1. 30% Indigenous
          2. 16% Complex Abilities & Needs (Ministry A-Q)
          3. 11% English Language Learner

- Staffing Update
    - 26 Teachers
    - 20 Support Staff
    - 3 Teacher Candidates (Welcome Mrs. Kerslake, Mrs. Kardux & Ms. Mothus)
    - 1 Practicum EA (Ms. Nicole)
    - Goodbye Mrs. Hysniu (for now)

- Calendar (October/November):

Monster Mash	October 22
Non-Instructional Day	October 23
Fall Fun Day	October 27
Halloween Assembly & Afternoon Parade	October 30
Scholastic Book Fair	November 2 – November 5
Numeracy Night (RSVP link closed)	November 5
Remembrance Day Assembly	November 10
Remembrance Day (no school)	November 11

- Field Trip Sponsorship
    - Historically, a portion of Hot Lunch proceeds go towards sponsoring student field trips
    - Classroom teachers are curious if this can still occur to support subsidizing the cost of field trips
    - ~$10-15/student

- Fall Fun Day
    - Thank you so much for supporting the Pumpkins!!
    - Are parents available to help set up the "patch" the morning of October 27?
    - Action – Facebook post asking for volunteers for pumpkin patch setup!
        - Had roughly 10-12 parents help that morning

- School Room Use
    - When volunteers need a space – see admin and we will do our best to get you a space to use. We are growing and running out of space!
    - Please reserve our sensory spaces for our students, as they are tools for our work.
    - Multipurpose room needs to be for students first.
    - PAC cupboard can be accessed during sessions, just no long term use. Use Office copy room, Carla's office or office beside front office

- Other business:
    - Cultus Lake is a no go this year
        - Children 8 and under need to be within arms length of an adult at all times per waterpark.
    - No liquor bottles or cans are permitted on school sites. Please bring recyclables for the Grade 5 fundraiser the day of Marissa picking up so things like Alcohol bottles are not stored onsite.
    - PAC Photocopying
        - Black & White - $.04/page
        - Colour - $.08/page

- Treasurer's Report
    - More movement this month
    - Coupon books / Munchalunch / Hot lunch / Halloween Dance
    - Clearing cheque for Christmas lunch for payment to the caterer
    - $34, 942.76 is the balance in the PAC Account as of this meeting date
    - Gaming Grant accepted by the Gov't
        - $5,800 total
        - $20/student
        - Can only be used on things that effect the entire student body; no school supplies allowed

- DPAC Report
    - Nothing to report at this time

- Fundraising Committee
    - Coupon book update:
        - Emily still has to create
        - Oct. 8 – Still too many books outstanding, multiple extensions given
        - Admins to follow up with families whose children have un-returned and unpaid coupon books

- Hot Lunch Committee
    - First Hot Lunch (Opa)
        - More successful than last year
        - Profit after all deductions: $320.38
        - Couple of feedback notes to mention to Opa:
            - Containers got soggy
            - skewers from the meat was used as play weapons
            - missing 1 salad
        - Opa offered to pick up warming bags this year meaning PAC did not have to return them to the store

- Chilliwack Chiefs Hot Lunch
    - 6 players will come to the school and deliver hot lunch on Wednesday, November 4
    - Admin to set up some sort of meet & greet or hockey game between players and students
    - Admin to print out watermark pages for players to sign for those who don't have apparel they want signed
    - Holly to reach out to the contact to see if we can combine smaller classes to get the quota for free tickets
    - Students typically eat lunch from 12:15-12:35, but on Hot Lunch days its 11:55-12:15

    - Suggestions for December Hot Lunch:
        - Dec 11th – Hot dog day to keep it less expensive before the holiday season

- Special Committees
    - Christmas lunch:
        - Emily – Paid & secured the same Caterer as last year, but have advised her of items we ran out of last year
            - Emily is looking into sponsorship for the lunch to help offset the catering costs
            - Come early November, Emily will create a group chat on Facebook for those interested in volunteering
                - So far we have the following individuals interested in helping; Nicole Linza, Carlie Smith, Stela Lagios, Isabelle Freeman, Michelle Levitsky, Jazlynne Wardell, Emily Thody, Hollymarie Fortin, Joanne Laughlin, Hailey Wood, Albert Wood, Kelsey Pursey and Melissa Thompson
            - Tables & chairs have been ordered from the district per Tsandlia Van Ry
            - Theme TBA – PER ATTENDANCE SHEET
            - All volunteers must have their criminal record check completed and back to the school before the event takes place

    - Grade 5 Grad:
        - Confirmation from Carla Thompson that grad will happen during school hours, potentially a bit after depending on the event timing
        - Busses won't go to initial location, Hollymarie Fortin to follow-up with group
        - More fundraising events to come
        - Holly will discuss with Emily Thody when a good time would be for Grade 5 fundraisers so they don't interfere with PAC School-wide fundraisers

- Halloween Dance:
    - Goodie Bags to be provided for all students
    - parental attendance is mandatory
    - Students will be checked in by name and class
    - Music, dancing, face-painting, concession, costume contest, Jelly bean count, pin the tail on the zombie
    - Grade 5's didn't want to dance with girls so they didn't really want to go – Suggestion of a worm crawl dance off
    - Concession was a huge success but very long lines and wait times
    - Keep to families at the school only, no outside guests
    - No to Kona Ice as no in outs
    - Stage is being decorated in front of the curtains
    - Photo spot? Stage or Doorway – Went with a back wall

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

- Pumpkins for Fall Fun day update?
    - Pumpkins were paid for entirely by PAC, picked up, delivered to the school and parents assisted with the pumpkin patch setup
- Playground upgrade, cost update?
    - Carla still waiting for cost, she will follow up

NEW BUSINESS

- PAC Executives needed due to some early year movement
    - New PAC Executive allocations and roll descriptions are as follows:
        - Chair – Hosts meetings
            - Creates agenda for meetings
            - appoints committees
            - speaks on behalf of the council
            - Main connection point between Admin and parents
                - Nicole Linza opted to move from Secretary to Chair for the remainder of the school year
        - Secretary – Posts meeting reminders on the McCammon Parents Facebook page
            - Takes minutes at all PAC Meetings
            - Edits and posts meeting minutes to Facebook page and distributes minutes to school admins and PAC Executives
                - Hailey Wood volunteered to move into the Secretary position
        - Member at Large – An additional voting body and floater who helps out with Executive tasks as needed
            - Stela Lagios volunteered for the secondary Member at Large position
    - PAC Executives brought forward the idea of amending our current bylaws with an option for a Co-Chair so we don't run into struggles like this in future years.
        - To be discussed more at a future meeting

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Open floor questions
    - **Freezer** – PAC still needs to purchase a dedicated freezer for our use at the school per budget approval 2025/2026 school year
    - **Fridge** – Both school fridges in the Multi-Purpose room are broken so the the school has been using PAC fridge in the Multi-purpose room until theirs are fixed
        - Per Carla Thompson, parts have been ordered
        - No timeline as of yet for repairs.

    - **Christmas Concert** – Admin confirmed there will be both a Daytime & Evening show this year to properly accommodate all families
        - Admin agreed to allow Grade 5 Grad Committee to raffle off front row seats again as done in prior years
        - Money raised from raffle will help offset costs for Grad events
    - **Year-End School-wide Field Trip** – Per Admin, the following field trips will be happening throughout the school year:
        - Skating
        - Ruby Creek
        - pancake breakfast
        - Because we can't attend Cultus Lake Waterslides this year for the year-end, Nicole Linza asked if Bridal Falls Waterslides are off the table also?
            - Carla Thompson replied no, but would check dates, and policies of their park and follow-up with PAC at a later date.

    - Grade 4's will stay with non-enrolling teacher or buddy Kindergarten classes on the day of the grade 5 year-end event.

    - June 24th - last day of school

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting is Tuesday, November 24, 2026 at 10:30 AM in the multipurpose room.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM