

JANUARY MINUTES

Davidson Road Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2025 (Time: 6:00PM in the Library)

Executive members in attendance: Jensine M (President), Heather E (Secretary), Karla G (Treasurer), Britney S (Co-Hot Lunch Coordinator), Kate S (Co-Hot Lunch Coordinator), Tristian G (Vice President)

Members at Large in Attendance: See attached sign in sheet.

Regrets:

Guests: John Morrone (Principal), Marlo Konneke (Vice Principal), Kim Mortenson (teacher representative)

Item

1. Welcome and Introductions

1.1 Meeting called to order by Jensine M at 6:05 pm

2. Adoption of Agenda for January 8, 2025

2.1 **Motioned:** Karla G **2nd:** Tristian G.

3. Approval of Minutes for December 4, 2024

3.1 **Motioned:** Karla G **2nd:** Tristian G

4. Executive and Principals Reports

4.1 **President's Report:** Happy new year!

4.2 **Treasurer's Report:** See attached. Hot lunch Fall session, which ran from the end of September to end of December, earned approximately \$2,500.00

4.3 **COPAC Report:** January meeting minutes attached.

4.4 Hot Lunch Report:

a) Hot chocolate day was a festive success! There were a few hiccups like the stove getting very hot and burning the milk and we needed to borrow two carafes from the church, but overall execution and delivery was very smooth and most importantly the kids loved it. Thank you Jon Gill for doing all the dishes!! Next year we should try to split up the number of volunteers more evenly between upstairs and downstairs, ensure mugs are labelled and have a few extras on hand... if we want to be really organized we could have a spreadsheet template for the mugs to give to the teachers to fill out. This tradition is always a hit and a fun way to welcome the holiday and celebrate the last day of school. Thank you to all the volunteers!

b) General Hot Lunch Update: New vendor, Norman's Diner was added and there was positive feedback from parents on the facebook page when this was shared. Fridays have been changed from Dairy Queen days to Pizza days for nutritional reasons; this is an attempt to stay in line with provincial healthy food guidelines and as a response to parent feedback that there is a

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desire to offer the healthiest options possible. Janal has put a post out for volunteers to sign up for these days, she may need additional help, if we do not have enough volunteers we will ask Ali to repost the sign up information and comment that we do need parents to step in to make these hot lunch days happen.

4.5 Principal's Report & Funding Requests

- a) See attached.
- b) Funding request – Rotary Centre for the Arts and Okanagan Heritage Museum (Two grade 2/3 classes)
Motioned: Kate S **2nd:** Brit S **All in Favour**
- c) Funding request – Grade 4s to H2O and MNP Place
Motioned: Kate S **2nd:** Brit S **All in Favour**
- d) Funding Request – Supplies for ribbon skirt making for Indigenous students
Motioned: Kate s **2nd:** Brit S **All in Favour**
- e) Funding request – Cross Country skiing for the grade 5s
Motioned: Kate S **2nd:** Brit S **All in Favour**

5. Fundraisers

- a) Fundraiser suggestions discussion (All) Should we have a carnival? It was a big success last year, but it was a lot of work. We do have a lot of the items needed for games already and quite a few left over items so that would make it easier, but we would need to start soon (like now!). **Action:** (All) If anyone is willing to spearhead this please contact Jensine to get the planning started and get the date approved with the school.
- b) Valentines Dance (Kristi) – Overall the group agrees this would be fun. Details to be worked out: will parents be required to stay? Discussed having kids be dropped off and then monitored by volunteers, but that leads to the question of criminal record checks. Also, what is the best time, afternoon or evening? Marlo suggests reaching out to PACs at schools that have had dances and are a similar size to ask about their experiences, turnout, etc. would they be willing to share feedback? **Decision:** Postpone to the Spring as this is a very busy time for sports families and parent teacher conferences coming up and the futsal league has the gym rented for many nights of the week. Maybe St. Patrick's Day theme would work? **Action:** Bring back to next meeting.

6. Old Business

- a) Swag – did not discuss, meeting was running late. **Action:** bring back to next meeting (Heather).

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7. New Business

- a) Parent Teacher Conferences coming up in early February. Kate asks if the teachers would like the PAC to pay for L'isolla Bella dinner? Marlo agrees. Mrs. Mortenson suggests she could reach out to the teachers and ask if they would like something different? She will connect directly with Marlo on this.

Motion to have the PAC pay for dinner for the teachers on the evening of the parent teacher conference, this includes gratuity. **Motioned:** Karla G **2nd:** Heather E **All in Favour**

8. Announcements

- a) Next Meeting: February 5th at 6 PM
- b) Draw winner for \$10 munch a lunch voucher: Jess Dickinson
- c) Draw winner for parking spot: Lexi Marshinew

9. Adjournment

- a) Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm
Motioned: Heather E **2nd:** Karla G **All in favour.**

Davidson Road Elementary School
PAC Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Date:	January 8, 2024	Time:	6 pm	Location:	DRE Library
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	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>
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	- Credit Interest	\$59. ⁰⁴	
			\$4053. ⁰²

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January COPAC meeting highlights

1. Please note that **registration is required** for our February 3, 2025 COPAC General Meeting (which also includes the SD23 Public Budget Presentation). As we will have members of the public joining our meeting, we need a way to share our zoom link without directly posting it publicly.

<https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/JNGzyfbKSvKP4BbP9VruKA>

2. Register for COPAC Bylaws Workshop - February 6, 2025. Be sure to bring your questions and work in progress PAC Bylaw updates. <https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5YpduCrrzstG9WqxjCkoAl4eimYmU2b2ofM>

3. Jon Rever shared a video we are encouraged to share with our parent communities:

Kids, Smartphones and Social Media: The Risks and The Solutions

<https://youtu.be/Ro-XgHp7OPA?si=ORSqBXtB-JF-qhj>

4. *Reminder: January 21 PIE Meeting – <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>
The Family Support Institute if BC: Navigating through Neurodiversity all ages- Presented by Tyra Skibington.
This is an introduction to the many resources (all free!) that have been created by families and professionals who have already navigated the support journey with their neurodiverse family members.

5. Please share SD23 Enrollment Opening Dates with your broader community (particularly those anticipating kindergarten enrollment for September 2025): February 3, 2025 at 7am. <https://www.sd23.bc.ca/school-enrollment>
6. Reminder – Specialty Academy fee changes (typically at middle and high school) require PAC approval and this should always come to a PAC general meeting for presentation, discussion and vote. From the BC SCHOOL ACT see section (6) below:

Specialty academies

82.1 (1) In this section, "specialty academy" means an educational program that emphasizes a particular sport, activity or subject area and meets the prescribed criteria set out in the regulations.

(2) A board may offer a specialty academy if

(a) the board has consulted with the parents' advisory council for the school where the board proposes to offer the specialty academy, and

(b) the board is of the opinion that there is sufficient demand for the specialty academy.

(3) A board that offers a specialty academy must

(a) make available sufficient instruction for students enrolled in the specialty academy to meet the general requirements for graduation, and

(b) continue to offer a standard educational program in the school district.

(4) Despite section 82, but subject to section 82.4, a board may charge a student enrolled in a specialty academy fees relating to the direct costs incurred by the board in providing the specialty academy that are in addition to the costs of providing a standard educational program.

(5) On or before July 1 of each school year, a board that offers a specialty academy must

(a) establish a schedule of fees to be charged under subsection (4), and

(b) make the schedule of fees available to the public.

(6) Before establishing a schedule of fees under subsection (5), a board must

(a) consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and

(b) obtain the approval of that parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees



Principal's Report to the Parent Advisory Council

John Morrone
January 8, 2025

With Gratitude:

- Thank you to the students and staff who contributed to our annual Winter Concert series. The events were well attended and the students did a fantastic job showcasing their skills!
- Thank you to the PAC for funding the Kindergarten snowman posts. It's a great neighbourhood tradition and we were glad to continue it this year.
- Thank you to the DRE Teacher Band (Mr. Hardy, Mr. Bouwman, Ms. Rosco, Mrs. Prescott and Mr. Prescott) for leading us for a morning of carolling in the gym on the last day of school prior to the break. Also, thank you to the PAC for the hot chocolate treat!

Kindergarten Registration Opens February 3, 2025

- Children who turn five years old before December 31, 2025 are eligible to attend kindergarten in September 2025. Registration opens for September 2025 on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7:00 am. Families are encouraged to visit the enrollment page on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website (<https://www.sd23.bc.ca/school-enrollment>) prior to February 3rd to learn more about the registration process. If your child already attends Davidson Road, or is transitioning to HS Grenda, please do not complete a new registration. Current Davidson Road students are automatically transitioned to the next grade (or middle school).

Student Learning Conferences

- DRE will host the second student learning conferences of the school year on Thursday, February 6th and Friday February 7th. Both days will be early dismissal days with classes ending at 12:30pm. Buses will be running at the adjusted time. Teachers will determine the format of these conferences for their individual classes, and it may include both individual meetings and student-led conferences. Sign-up information will be shared shortly.

Middle-Years Development Instrument (MDI)

- The MDI is a research project led by UBC in Vancouver. It is dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of children. A part of the research project is an anonymous survey which gives students a voice to report about their well being as well as the assets in their lives which help them cope with adversity. The results of the MDI can be shared back to the school's staff, students, and parents. PACs tend to appreciate the MDI

because they hear directly from their children about how they are doing. PACs can then target organized activities and funding based on the results of the MDI. This year, our district is having all grade 5 students complete the MDI. Davidson Road grade 5 students will complete the survey in late January/early February.

Staff Requests for PAC Funding

- Event: Rotary Centre for the Arts and Okanagan Heritage Museum (Two Grade 2/3 classes - 44 students)
 - Location: Kelowna
 - Description: Weaving program and local history
 - Total Funding Request: \$760 (\$310 bussing estimate; \$450 activity cost)
- Event: Grade 4s to H2O and MNP Pace (All grade 4 classes - 90 students)
 - Location: Kelowna
 - Description: Swimming and indoor soccer
 - Total Funding Request: \$1360 (\$760 bussing estimate; \$600 activity cost)
- Activity: Supplies for ribbon skirt making for Indigenous students
 - Location: at the school
 - Description: see letter from our Indigenous Advocate, Mrs. Tamara Rose
 - Total Funding Request: \$500.00
- Event: Cross Country Skiing (both Grade 5 Classes - 56 students)
 - Location: Telemark
 - Description: Cross country skiing
 - Total Funding Request: \$2035 (\$685 bussing estimate; \$1350 lessons and rentals)

Upcoming Dates

Please visit the DRE website to view and subscribe to our school calendar

- Jan 17 - Jersey Day (Spirit Day)
- Jan 28 - Cultural Performance (Rhythm Resource)
- Jan 28 - Davidson Dynamo Day (Spirit Day)
- Feb 3 - 2025/26 School Registration Opens at 7:00am (online)
- Feb 5 - PAC Meeting - 6pm
- Feb 6 & 7 - 12:30pm Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb 14 - Teacher Professional Development Day (no school)
- Feb 17 - Family Day (schools closed)
- Feb 25 - Davidson Dynamo Day (Spirit Day)
- Feb 26 - Pink Shirt/Anti-Bullying Awareness Day
- Feb 27 - Cultural Performance (Dufflebag Theatre)



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Indigenous Education



January 8, 2025

Aanii, Davidson Road Elementary PAC,

I hope this letter finds you well.

My name is Tamara Rose and I am part of the Indigenous Education Program here at Davidson Road as the Indigenous Student Advocate. I am writing to request \$500.00 in funding support for a meaningful cultural initiative that will enrich our school's community and contribute to ongoing reconciliation efforts: the creation of ribbon skirts for Indigenous students.

Ribbon skirts hold deep significance within Indigenous cultures, symbolizing resilience, identity, and connection to tradition. They are a powerful way for Indigenous students to express their heritage and feel a sense of belonging and pride within our school community. While this initiative focuses on Indigenous students, it aligns with the broader goal of fostering cultural awareness and inclusivity, which benefits all students by enriching their understanding of the diverse world we live in.

Our school and district have made commitments to reconciliation, and this project is a tangible step in honouring those commitments. By supporting the creation of ribbon skirts, we allow Indigenous students to embrace and express their culture, which is a fundamental aspect of reconciliation and inclusion. Additionally, these skirts can be worn during cultural events, school gatherings, or other special occasions, showcasing the vibrant traditions of Indigenous peoples, and promoting a deeper appreciation among all students and staff.

I am seeking PAC's assistance to cover the costs of purchasing fabric and supplies such as thread, elastic and ribbon for this project. The goal is to involve students and families in the process, making it not just a creative endeavour but also an educational one. With your support, we can ensure that every interested Indigenous student has the materials needed to create their own ribbon skirt, empowering them to celebrate their identity and share their culture with the wider school community.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support would mean so much to the students and families involved, and it would demonstrate Davidson Road's commitment to inclusivity and reconciliation. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or would like further details about the project.

Migwetch,
Tamara Rose

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