

Ross Elementary PAC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 14 Oct 2025, 6:30pm (School)

- Meeting conducted and minutes recorded Sarn Banwait
 - In attendance: Emily, Meghan, Lisa, Rene, Dil, Harman, Sarn, Sandy S, Chuck, Joe, Sandy H, Raj
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1. Welcome, land acknowledgement, introductions

2. Purpose of meeting is:

- Discuss and approve upcoming PAC plans/events

- Nominations were requested for *vacant roles*: **Treasurer:**

- This position will be shared by two co-representatives, **Laure Cambruzzi and Rene Pigham**. Meghan proposed their approval for voting, Sandy S seconded the motion, and both were **approved**.
- Adding new Treasures for bank signing general and gaming fund; proposed by Emily, Sandy S seconded the motion, **Approved**.

3. Approval of Today's Agenda & June minutes – Oct 14th agenda proposed for approval first by Emily, seconded by Sandy S; Agenda **approved**

September 16, 2025, meeting minutes proposed for approval by Meghan, seconded Emily; Minutes **approved**

4. **PAC President / Co-President Report**

- Discussed Grant options that are currently available for applying:

- The Farm to Cafeteria Canada grant (\$500–\$3,000) has an application deadline of October 20th; given the timeline, it may not be feasible to apply this year.
- The PHE Grant (\$500–\$2,500 in Gopher Gift Certificates) supports physical activity equipment (P.E.), with applications opening in October 2025. *The principal has expressed interest in applying.*
- A school letterhead has been submitted to Costco Abbotsford for consideration of a donation.
- Emily will be applying for a Grant with Fresh Slice Pizza

5. **Principal's Report**

- First Heroic Assembly: October 30, 1:30pm. Joe will invite parents.
- Diwali: October 20 in Room 120; 30-minute slots for each class to paint Divas.
- Grade 4/5 soccer at Bradner Elementary: October 15, 29 & November 5.
- Grade 4/5 students have begun volunteering as crossing guards, announcers, work crew and assembly crew.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

- The following releases of funds were proposed by Emily and seconded by Sandy S; **approval was granted**:
 - Grade 5 hoodies
 - Art supplies
 - Sports activities
 - Earthquake supplies
 - Purchase of Divas

7. **Fundraising Report**

- 49 coupon books sold this year, earning about \$300 (down from 79 last year).
- Neufeld Farms fundraiser raised \$642.
- Upcoming fundraisers: HT Photography on Nov 27 & 28 (Sandy & Simne); flyers will be distributed soon.
- Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser details coming for early November (Dil).
- The Bottle Depot Fundraiser is scheduled for early January 2026, with advertising commencing in December. Raj to coordinate event.

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- Sandy will follow up regarding cashback from Cobb's Bakery.
- Plans are underway for a fundraising initiative in February 2026 around Valentine's Day.
- The Fun Fair committee has confirmed for May 29th, 2026 and will feature a Silent Auction.

8. **Grade 5 fundraising:**

- Team has hosted 2 popcorn days to date
- Movie Night – Grade 5's will be selling candy bags \$3/bag

9. **Hot Lunch Report**

- Oct 17 – Wok Box
- November 7 – Canteen & Booster Juice
- November 21 – Lepps Bakehouse
- December 12 – White Spot

10. **Other:** Questions or comments from parents, follow up from last meeting:

- **Spirit Wear/Week** is being organized for December, with Dil, Harman, and Sandy leading the initiative.

- **Santa Breakfast**

- Coordination overseen by Neetu and Binnie
- Silent Auction planning managed by Dil
- Santa Appearance organized by Aissa
- Joe assigned to reach out to Kiwanis volunteers regarding the Santa Breakfast

- Review of the proposed **Dance Party** event for Spring 2026 – Dil will obtain quotes and relevant information.

- **MOVIE NIGHT**

- Meghan: Set up survey for attendance count
- Sam: Buy juice boxes
- Meghan: Confirm popcorn details with Jacqui

- No DPAC meeting / updates currently

- Invite School Trustee to PAC meeting next month to discuss strengthening pac and school board relationships, advocate for Ross Elementary, and Support sustainable fundraising and capital initiatives. Raj to invite?

11. Yearly dates at a glance:

- **Friday, Oct 17 Movie Night – Monsters Inc.**
- Thursday, Dec 11 Christmas Store
- Friday, Dec 19 Santa Breakfast, Silent Auction (7:30am – 9:00am)

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday NOVEMBER 25th @6:30pm

School Calendar 2025-2026:

No school: Oct 24, Nov 10, Nov 11, Feb 13, April 24, May 15

Winter Break: December 22, 2025 – January 2, 2026

Early Dismissal: October 22 & 23, 2025

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Last Day of School: June 25, 2026

Meeting Adjourned at **7:50pm**