

PAC meeting – Sept. 15, 2025

Meeting commenced at 6:35 p.m.

Elisa gave a rundown of the PAC, what we do and how everyone with kids in the school is a member of the PAC.

Elisa introduced members of the PAC who were present at the meeting and we are always looking for parents to help out and help run some events!

An official document is provided for the official roles on the PAC and parents and caregivers can request and read those if they like.

PAC sponsored BBQ is taking place on Sept. 18, along with the school open house. BBQ starts at 5 p.m. and is first come and first served.

Oct. 3 is pumpkin patch day at Panorama.

Nov. 21 is slated to be movie night – **this could be moved to a different date.**

Dec. 12 is slated to be the Christmas market – **this could be moved to a different date.**

The PAC would like to have a dance in the New Year but that is TBD at this time.

Information will be sent out with Mr. Muxworthy's newsletter about the hot lunch program for the year. This includes the pizza lunch program and the Friday hot lunch program. Both can be ordered at the same time.

Cutoff for a cheaper rate for the pizza hot lunch program is Sept. 24. After that date, the price goes up.

The PAC also holds Treat Days so children can bring either \$2 or \$1 and get a treat at recess. Look out for notices about those!

PAC fundraisers this year include Tri-City coupons from Oct. 1 to 15, the winter plant fundraiser in December and Purdy's Chocolate in December.

Elisa went over the 2025 – 2026 proposed PAC budget.

Parents may be asked for a small donation for some events but the goal with the budget is to break even.

Total planned expenditures for the year is \$37,913.

Panorama also gets a gaming grant from the B.C. government and about \$6,255 is left over from last year. The PAC uses it for everyone in the school and the whole school must benefit from it.

Over the summer, we also received a donation of \$10,000 toward the playground and we're hoping the government will give us some money for the playground as part of the official government program.

Mr. Muxworthy explained how the playground fund works and Panorama has been on the list for a new playground for years.

How can the Panorama community help?

- Hot lunch / treat day helpers
- Pumpkin patch
- Movie night
- Christmas market
- Spring Fair

We're also looking for someone to help design a new sign for the pumpkin patch!

We're looking for any parents or caregivers with a pickup truck to help go and pick up the pumpkins!

Stay connected through the Panorama PAC website, the Facebook group and the WhatsApp group.

Mr. Muxworthy provided an update from the school.

This year Panorama received so many new students on the English side that a new division had to be added. A posting had to go up for a new teacher and a new teacher was hired by Sept. 12. Mrs. Zebrowski welcomed new students on Monday, Sept. 15.

Classes are now up and running.

Panorama also has a new inclusion support worker and a new secretary.

Panorama needs to replenish its food and water supplies, which costs around \$5,000. This is to provide food and water for a half to a third of the school population for 24 hours in the event of an emergency.

A question was asked about reaching out to local grocery stores about getting some donations for the emergency food fund but they need to be properly sealed water and food pouches for students.

The school has also booked curling and hip hop and gymnastics for the students, along with two performances – more details to come!

Voting

Should we ask parents, through School Cash Online, if they want to donate to the PAC?

PAC voted yes to keep the open donation option through School Cash Online and then ask parents to send money for the pumpkin patch and the teacher will collect it.

Should the PAC host information sessions online for parents a few times throughout the school year to help inform parents and caregivers? It would be a live session and then it would be a recorded link.

PAC voted yes but asked for some new topics as we still have access to the older sessions from last year.

The PAC provides \$250 to each teacher that they can spend and use on their classroom and for their students. In the past, this has generated a lot of receipts to track and manage. Would a gift card work better? The PAC has to be able to show where the money goes. Mr. Muxworthy suggested putting the teachers in groups and they have to get together and buy in bulk with one receipt then submitted for each group.

He will take that back to the teachers as a proposal for this year and discuss dates and options.

The PAC will provide a document that can be shared with teachers about the criteria and the object of the Teacher Incentive Fund.

Should the PAC provide volunteer incentives? A random draw for something that parents could use at the school.

PAC voted yes to implement this incentive.

Should the PAC help fund up to \$3,000 for the emergency food and water fund?

PAC voted yes for this.

A question was asked if the school provides physical education. Mr. Muxworthy explained that it is part of the curriculum.

A question was asked about outside donations and if some requirements could be shared to solicit those donations. Mr. Muxworthy explained that the school is a charitable organization and a tax receipt is issued for any donation over \$25. Anyone needing specific details can reach out to Mr. Muxworthy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next PAC meeting is Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.