

## **PAC meeting**

**April 21, 2026**

**Meeting commences at 7:02 p.m.**

### **PAC roles needed next year:**

Elisa started out with the PAC roles and what positions will be needed in September.

We need a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary for sure.

Elisa has a document that outlines all the roles and responsibilities and she can send those out so people can have a look.

There has to be a minimum of eight meetings per year.

If you are interested, reach out to Elisa, the PAC chair on Whatsapp and nominate someone you think would be a good fit!

### **Hot lunch and treat days**

Exciting things coming up as we approach the end of the year!

Next hot lunch is May 29 – A&W

Last hot lunch is changing to June 12 from June 5 – notice going out soon!

Next treat day May 15 – popsicles \$1, followed by June 19 – ice cream sandwiches \$2

Two classes on the pro-d day this Friday, April 24, are full.

Staff appreciation day is May 8 and people can still contribute through School Cash Online – any contribution is welcome!

Parent volunteers from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on May 8 are also needed and the PAC will put a poll out on the WhatsApp group to see who can help.

Maria has also volunteered to donate a cake or two for the staff appreciation lunch.

## **Spring Fair!**

The spring fair is coming up on May 28!

There are some logistics still to work out.

Pinetree Secondary will be sending some volunteers to help. Mr. Jiwa is firming up numbers.

Part of the spring fair this year will be a silent auction. The PAC will open the silent auction a week before the spring fair and then it will close on the spring fair.

If any parents want to donate something from their work, that will be possible as well.

There are some really cool items up for grabs!

## **Student Appreciation Day**

A student appreciation day (or week) will be coming up in June. Last year, the PAC paid for a reptile company to come and show the kids all the critters.

This year's appreciation treat is still TBD.

## **Fundraisers**

Last year we had four fundraisers. The PAC has none scheduled yet for 2026, but stay tuned.

PAC has \$86,836 in the bank at this time.

## **DPAC update**

February meeting:

An update was provided on the five-year vision for District 43.

The district are going to be developing more goals and targets going forward.

Safety was also a big topic and the protocols that the district follows were reviewed. The superintendent assured everyone that the schools in the district are very safe.

Student Voice Initiative in District 43 is a way that schools across the district can collaborate. Some examples were provided.

Guest speaker Ben King gave a speech about a trade program in the district.

April meeting:

Special standalone meeting with Jody Wickens, the Minister for Children and Family Development and the local MLA.

She answered questions from people; many around supports for children with disabilities and the recent changes to the funding for autism.

She also highlighted a new facility in Port Coquitlam called The Foundry, which offers free and confidential mental health services for youth, aged 12 to 24.

DPAC AGM on May 29.

### **New Business**

Last year the PAC paid for the school families to go to the Coquitlam Adanac lacrosse game.

Should we do the same thing this year?

Last year, teachers and students got tickets and senior members of the lacrosse team came to the school for a signing ceremony.

We might do a different method for the ticket delivery this year as well.

We are looking into options for pro-d days that can involve student volunteers from other schools.

Rachel talked to one of the after school program providers that already runs a program at the school and he is interested in hosting a pro-d day session.

It would be a good opportunity for parents who need an opportunity to send their kids somewhere for a pro-d day.

We need to decide on an idea for the Panorama Open House in September as the barbecue company is not available this year.

Also, if we want to continue the pumpkin patch, that is something we will need to plan for September or October.

### **Principal's update**

Already looking ahead to next year as we wind down this school year.

Enrollment is down in the school district by about 400, which means less funding is available.

There is not a lot of density in Panorama's neighbourhood. Current enrollment is about 360.

Panorama is hoping to stay at 17 divisions next year, but we won't know until the next few weeks.

Mr. Jiwa got some lockers for the EAs and a fridge for Feeding Futures.

The school bought four more benches so the Grade 5s can sit on benches for the school assemblies. Parents are always invited to come to the school assembly.

The school also got a generous grant from Maxine Wilson for \$7,000 to renovate the front foyer of the school. Stay tuned on that!

The school is still working on mounting the projectors in the classrooms for teachers, but that takes some time.

The new jerseys are coming as well as a few final details are figured out.

A Grade 5 parent meeting is coming up next Monday via Zoom.

The Grade 5 assembly and luncheon was changed to June 19. More information to follow.

Sports Day is coming up as well with the same format as past years.

A message from the superintendent is that absenteeism and lateness is up across the province. An email from Mr. Jiwa will be coming out about this soon.

Staff are interested in some sound field systems.

Full release drill will be held on May 14. Parents and guardians will come at 2 p.m. to pick up the children. Daycare cannot pick up the children. If there are no other options, then the kids will stay at school until regular pick-up time at 2:45 p.m. Mr. Jiwa will send out more information shortly.

Mr. Jiwa would love to get a Gaga Ball Pit, but it doesn't appear that there is enough room, unfortunately. But we are going to think of some other stuff. More news to come!

Mr. Jiwa said he is very impressed with all the parents and coordinators of the hot lunch programs and the treat days programs. We couldn't do it without all of you!

If you have an idea for a restaurant, please reach out! We are always looking for suggestions.

Anyone who wants to get involved, please contact the PAC and join the Whatsapp group!

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Next meeting is scheduled for May 19.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.