



West Boundary Elementary School
Regular Meeting of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
WBES Library, Rock Creek, BC
Wednesday, January 14, 2025 at 4:30pm
MINUTES

The President called the meeting to order at 4:17pm

Present:

Tanya R.	President / Co-Treasurer
Tessa S.	Vice President / Co-Treasurer
Nick B.	Principal / Member at Large
Mark D.	Trustee
Ashley A.	Member at Large

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous peoples and ancestors.

Call for New Business

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED/SECONDED

"That the Agenda for 14-Jan-2026 be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED

"That the 26-Nov-2025 Regular PAC Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

Adoption of Treasurer's Report

MOVED/SECONDED

"That the 11-Dec-2025 and 14-Jan-2026 Treasurer's Reports be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

Principal's Report

See Attached Report

DPAC Report

- Our first meeting of interest was in late November; this was initially just to see if all the schools in our district were interested in bringing back DPAC to our area. We had all of the schools from Grand Forks. Christina Lake was absent. Unfortunately, I was the only representative from the west side of the district. So, I spent the holidays reaching out to the west side of our district, and all school are having a positive outlook on bringing back DPAC, including Big White as they tend to be overlooked every so often. BCSS will have to be

talked to every year as it seems they have more of a grad PAC and not really a school PAC. Our next meeting is at the end of January. This year we are just working on our bylaws and constitution. This year is solely to get the ball rolling so we can start DPAC in September.

Trustee's Report

- Next week they will be conducting interviews to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position, as well as getting the short-list of candidates finalized for interviews for the Superintendent position.
- School Board executive assistant job position has been posted.
- Heating costs are down, likely due to the mild winter we've been having so far.
- Less teachers have been taking sick days this year so far.

Correspondence

Old Business

- Grade 7 Grad hoodies – Nick & Tessa – Grad hoodies are done with the mock up and Nick should be submitting that order in the next day or so. They look really good! The kids chose Cardinal Red as their colour.
- Skating Field Trips – Ice time has been paid, waiting for bussing invoice from SD51.
- Portable/Folding Bleachers – Nick will be looking into some bleachers for outside to use for sporting events etc. Costs are varying based on size and occupancy. We could potentially look at getting 2 sets if we can try and keep it under \$5000.

New Business

- Puppet Show – ArtStarts is not providing funding for schools to bring in live performances this year, which is really unfortunate. Over the break Tanya was looking into different people/groups that do school friendly performances and found a great puppet/ventriloquist duo who are in Vancouver. She contacted Kelly and got their fee breakdown and how they schedule shows.
 - 1 show - \$1300+ gst (each show)
 - 2-3 shows - \$1000+ gst (each show)
 - 4-6 shows - \$950+ gst (each show)

They can do 2 shows a day, 1 in the morning and one in the afternoon as long as schools are not more than 1 hour apart. This would be for after spring break when the highway is better for travel.

Tanya has been in touch with PAC presidents from Beaverdell, GW, Hutton, Perley and Christina Lake (no response), and has reached out to Osoyoos Elementary (no reply, will follow up). Would like to offer this opportunity to them as well, hoping to get a few shows for Kelly and her husband to make their trip worth it. The schools who have replied were keen on having them and were going to discuss it at their PAC meetings this week. The more shows we book, the better the price.

- Climate Action Performance – Jenny forwarded an email from a performing dance crew who put on a show based around earth science/climate change/indigenous teachings and the 4-R's. They did not give a price or schedule breakdown. If we are interested, Tanya can look into it some more.
- Easter Purdy's – Yes, we want to do this fundraiser. Tanya will open a campaign and order catalogues as soon as it becomes available on their website.
- Kernels Popcorn Fundraiser – Ashely A. presented information about Kernels Popcorn Fundraiser. We would like to give it a try. Decided on single bags and will offer 4 flavours at \$3/bag and 4/\$10. Tanya will make a price sheet and get that to Jenny for printing and handing out next week.
- 50/50 – Yes, we would like to do a Spring 50/50 draw. 1000 tickets seems to be the sweet spot where we consistently have a sold-out pot. Tanya will apply for gaming event license. 1000 tickets at \$2/per ticket, start in March and draw date on April. 23, 2026 at our earth day/family BBQ.

- School Field Trips to Mt. Baldy – Bussing for 4 trips.

MOTION:

"That the PAC cover the cost of bussing, in full, for 4 skiing field trips to Mt. Baldy Ski Resort. Funds to be withdrawn from the General Account."

CARRIED

- Constitution and Bylaws Amendments

MOTION:

"That the PAC adopt the West Boundary Elementary School Constitution and Bylaws as amended."

CARRIED

Fundraisers

- Purdy's – Complete. Over \$6300 of sales and estimated profit of nearly \$1800.
- Coffee – Complete. Similar numbers to last year – 98lbs sold with \$588 profit.
- 50/50 – Complete. Sold out pot. \$1000 each to PAC and winner. Gaming Event Revenue (GER) report filed on Jan.2, 2026.
- Easter Pie Fundraiser – In progress. Tanya will contact McMynn's for pricing. Plan for early March.
- Hot Dog Hot Lunch Fundraiser – Decided to put this on hold. Not enough volunteers right now.
- Spirit Wear – In progress. Orders were submitted before Christmas with estimated delivery near the end of January.

Upcoming Dates

See School Calendar.

Future Agenda Items

- Growing Smiles – Spring plant fundraiser. Will need to book dates for May soon.

Upcoming Meeting(s)

Next Regular Meeting:

Wednesday February 18, 2026 @ 4:15pm

Next Regular Meeting:

Wednesday March 18, 2026 @ 4:15pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.

Principal's Report – January 2026

Dear Families,

These are few of my favourite things: basketball season, visits to Baldy and Science Fair. It's no wonder the stretch between Winter Break and Spring Break is among the best time of the year. There is so much more going on and I am very happy to share with this first Principal's Report of 2026.

Among our Grade 3 to Grade 7 population, 91% of them signed up for our latest intramural: Steal It! A combination of kickball and dodgeball with lots of strategic running; it's a very fun way to spend a recess. Other options to connect at school include Sewing Club with Melinda, D&D with Ms. T, Tastebuds and Traditions (a new cooking class with Ginette) and Lego/Coding club with myself. Of course, basketball practices take up our lunchtimes with 4 practices a week over lunch. We have had another solid turnout for players, and our teams are developing nicely; our first game is next week!

After school the action continues with Monday Night Basketball; we are getting about 30 students to work on skills and take advantage of some extra gym time. After school Art on Wednesdays is continuing as well with some amazing creations; we will be looking forward to their exhibit at the Gallery in Grand Forks come spring.

Our first of four visits to Baldy Mountain Resort begins today and we are very excited. The intermediates (Grades 4-7) will go three times while our primaries (K-3) will participate in more of an introductory program. Thank you for your support with this program, it means a lot. Over the years with these trips, we have taken complete beginners and turned them into capable chair lift riders and safe skiers and riders.

If you have noticed more reading at home these days, there is a pretty large competition happening among the classes. Students are tracking their reading in a 'Read Bowl' competition. It's a bigger deal around here than any other 'bowl'. There are some impressive totals out there and books even being taken outside at recess!

Lastly, I am pleased to share that Chelsey Richards has been newly added to our TTOC (trained-teacher-on-call). Ms. Richards did her final practicum in Ms. Boyd's class and was very well received. We look forward to seeing her back around our school.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to either myself or your child's teacher. While it seems, we get teased regularly with spring in January, I hope you can still find joy in the happenings of winter.

Yours in education,

Nick Bond
Principal