

# William A. Fraser Middle PAC

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## PAC General Meeting Agenda: November 17, 2021 Via Zoom

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Michelle Bastien (President), Richard Clark (Treasurer), Pallavi Gupta (Secretary), Dean Johnston (Principal), Tyler Horner (Vice Principal), Tammy Sigankis, Shari Wetmore, Kelly Matthews, Dee Sekhon

### **QUORUM:**

Quorum has been met with a minimum of 4 voting members, 2 from the Executive and 2 Non-Executive members.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Michelle Bastien, President called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

**We acknowledge that the Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Stó:lō people, the Semá:th and Mathxwí First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.**

### **TEACHER REQUESTS:**

There were no teacher requests presented at this meeting

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Vice-Principal Mr. Horner presented the report this time.

1. Given the recent challenges in the city, our school will be switching to remote learning. The teachers were notified last night, around the same time as parents and they have been working very hard to come up with remote learning lesson plans, collaborating with each other and finding meaningful opportunities. A huge % of the kids connected with their classroom teachers remotely earlier today. It was not a 100% attendance but a fantastic response.
2. School Goals:  
The idea is to collect feedback and sample of a wide variety of student experiences at the school. We have developed 3 different approaches for this,
  - a. Asking the students for their feedback and using the TVs with rotating messages and questions to prompt discussions within students.
  - b. Creating a flip grid in the classrooms to gather student responses
  - c. Having lunch with the student groups and ask them questions in an informal setting.

**Ques:** Coming from my cultural background, often if a kid is asked to go see the principal or vice-principal, it is because they are in trouble. How do you plan to mitigate that when you ask students to have lunch with the principal or vice-principal?

**Ans:** As educators, and really learning leaders in the building, we try to remove the stigma from that. Often, we would ask students to take a walk with us, or chat in the learning commons instead of formal office. And by actually sitting down with them to eat lunches.

Really trying to create a culture of student initiatives, so for example the dress code changes was student led, where a student brought the inequity forward to the teacher, who brought it up to us and then we worked with them on how to make it more equitable to all students.

3. Remembrance Day Ceremony

This year, a virtual ceremony was held in the multi-purpose room and broadcast live to the classrooms for students to participate in. The intent was to record it to be shared with parents, however due to technical difficulties, it ended up being a live event only.

Students and staff worked together to create the backdrop for the ceremony. The 3 wreaths represent the 3 houses we have in the school. Students were invited to create the poppies which were then collected and put together into wreaths by the learning commons teacher, along with the cenotaph. There was a band performing during the ceremony and students in girl guide uniforms brought the wreaths in to be placed. It was a very meaningful and successful event.

4. Halloween Spirit Week

Student initiatives, fantastic opportunity for kids. The Fraser Valley house grade 8's really stepped up into leadership roles and created stations like Halloween Pictionary, Tossing game, colouring contest etc for their fellow students to enjoy.

5. PAC Donation

The link is still available and on the School Cash website. We are sitting at a total of \$1,690 in donations so far.

6. Pro-D Day at the end of the month

The focus on this pro-d day is district wide initiative on incorporating indigenous ways of learning and knowledge. Our school will reflect and systematically analyze on how we will work towards achieving those goals. It will be documented and shared with all our learning community and educational stakeholders. Would like to present it at a future PAC meeting.

7. Focus Team

This team is comprised of 3 staff and 3 parent volunteers working with school-wide lens. They look at the school goals, plans and budgets to see what has been a success this year, and what do we need to improve and work on for next year. There are a couple of meetings, in Nov and in spring.

**Ques:** How do you find the volunteers for the focus team?

**Ans:** Typically looking for parents that are involved with the school, might ask some parents volunteering in the canteen, or coaching our student teams, or someone who is willing to put in the time commitment.

8. Lost & found

We have pulled everything out and set it up on tables for students to look through and retrieve when they return to in-person classes. We will take a video and pictures to post on our Instagram and Facebook pages for parents to see if they identify any of their child's items.

9. We just received a brand new laser engraver for the tech ed room with Mr. Meyer. Looking forward to some exciting projects.
10. Just received email, the report cards will go out on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> now. This will help bring the stress levels down for everyone.

Please see the attached report with pictures.

**Ques:** Do we still need parent volunteers for the immunization day on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Ans:** We have volunteers come forward, so at this time, we are good.

**Ques:** The dress code was updated in the parent handbook but needs to be updated on the school website.

**Ans:** Mr. Horner will make sure it gets updated.

### **APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES**

October 2021:

***MOTION:** Richard Clark made a motion to approve the October 2021 minutes as presented. Tammy Signakis seconded. The motion was carried without opposition.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Michelle asked for a volunteer for our DPAC Rep.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The bank balance as of November 17, 2021 are as follow:

**General Account: \$9,218.73**

**Gaming Account: \$19,283.96**

**Total: \$28,502.69**

Not much has changed since last month. Some of our outstanding cheques have now cleared. The cheque received for donations to the PAC last year has a different amount than what was expected, so we are working on clarifying that. We have not yet received our gaming grant, but they are a bit back logged. Yale has just received theirs, so our should be here soon.

**Ques:** Mr. Johnston has been looking into more accessible playgrounds at our school. Is that something that the PAC could support?

**Ans:** Yes, absolutely, once we have a better idea of how much is needed. There are also extra gaming grants that we can apply for, specifically for playground set ups.

**Ques:** Does the PAC have any ideas on what to use gaming grant funds for?

**Ans:** Usually staff will come forward with some ideas, or champion a student club for funding. Requests sometimes come directly from students as well for self-managed clubs like the D&D club.

See attached Financial Statement

## **DPAC REP REPORT:**

Superintendent Danielsson made a presentation “First Peoples Principles of Learning”, which comprised of holistic principles for the whole child. The presentation included information about the 2020/2021 MDI Grade 5 survey, collecting information on key competencies and providing results in the manner of a Well-Being Index (Social, Emotional, and Physical Health) and an Assets Index (Adult Relationships, After School Activities, Peer Relationships, Nutrition and Sleep). Elementary school children this year will be surveyed this year, including questions about safety, belonging, and connection to caring adults. The presentation concluded with Assistant Superintendent Danielsson inviting parents to share some of their own answers to the questions. The presentation will be available on the DPAC Facebook Page.

There was a Question Period Time was provided to ask questions of Assistant Superintendent Danielsson, Trustee Peterson, and the DPAC executive. Questions were asked and answered about a well-being survey for higher grades, the elimination of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Certificate Program, classroom reductions at Barrowtown Elementary, district access to the IB Program, international students in Abbotsford schools that are already full, and Covid notifications. The questions and responses are provided in the appended “October 28, 2021 Minutes Addendum” for information.

Next DPAC Meeting is Thursday, November 25 at 7 pm via Zoom.

## **OPEN FLOOR**

**Ques:** Is Room Parents a thing at middle schools? Typically there would be one parent assigned per class, and they would coordinate things like x-mas presents for the teachers.

**Ans:** No, it is not really something done at middle school.

**Ques:** Are Intramural Sports going to happen this year or is that something we don't do at our school at all? Is it possible to open the gym for the students when it is pouring rain out or to allow them to play something inside?

**Ans:** Intramurals are not happening this year. Still have to be careful about NOT intermixing the kids and keeping them in their leaning cohorts or pods due to Covid. Been sending a few more notices home recently than would like.

In the past, we had a full-time Phys Ed teacher who could open the Gym during lunch, however that role is now part-time and the teacher need to have their own lunch before the afternoon lessons. The Gym is open at times however it is limited due to covid regulations.

**Ques:** Mr. Horner has been working on some fun staff and teacher appreciation ideas, like the 12 days of x-mas. Would PAC be interested in supporting that one of the days? Perhaps the PAC could bring in coffee or some treats for the teachers?

**Ans:** Funds for this would have to come from our general budget, not the gaming account. We typically have \$500 a year for teacher appreciation which is used near the end of the year, but we could split it and use some of the money at Christmas to support the one of the appreciation days and then the rest at the end of the year. PAC could even look into getting coffee donated by Starbucks or something.

***MOTION:***

*Michelle Bastien made a motion to spend up to \$300 for teachers at Christmas time. Tammy Signakis seconded. The motion passed without opposition.*

**Ques:** Is there a 3-D printer at our school?

**Ans:** Yes, there is one in the tech ed room with Mr. Meyer.

**ADJOURMENT:**

Michelle Bastien, President, adjourned the PAC Meeting at 7:50 pm.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 19 @ 7:00 pm**





November 17, 2021

Principal Update for PAC

UPDATE:

1. Rolling with the punches: pivoting to digital learning this week
2. Our school goals: exploring equity and reducing opportunity gaps
  - How do we find student voices?
    - **(Falcons Nest)** Opportunities for students to have their voice heard specific to school related topics (3 pieces: school question prompts, class Flipgrid, lunch interview)
      - If you could move through a portal, what things from the school would you like to keep/take with you or leave behind?
      - If you were principal for a day, what changes would you like to see?
      - What makes you Proud of our school?
      - What have you learned about yourself in the last year and a half during the pandemic?
      - What is your definition of learning?
      - What is going well for your learning?
      - Are there two adults in our school that you have built a relationship with and who believe you will be successful in life?



4. Fraser Valley House (Community Building event)
5. Pac Donations \$1690 = 85 families

6. Fraser's Commitment to the Indigenous Enhancement Agreement <https://indigenous.ab-schschools.ca/node/21655>
7. Focus Team

### **Previous Events:**

- Oct. 20 Parent /Teacher Conferences Evening
- Oct. 21 Parent /Teacher Conferences Day time
- Oct. 27-29 Spirit Week
- Nov. 5 Picture Retakes
- Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Ceremony (Virtual)

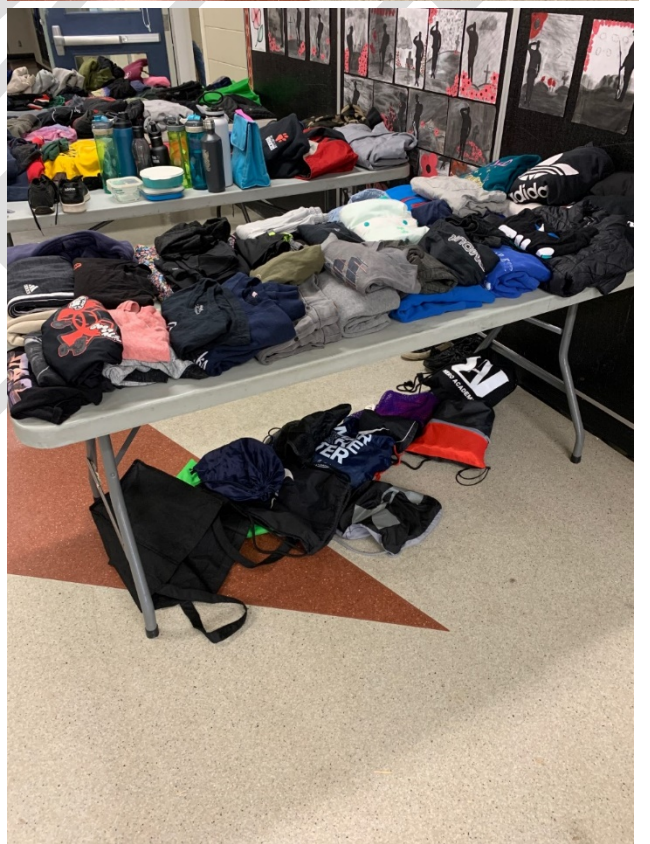
### **Upcoming Events:**

- Nov. 26 Pro'd Day
- Dec. 2 Immunizations for Grade 6 & 7 Students
- Dec. 3 Report Cards go home
- December 6<sup>th</sup>: Staff appreciation advent calendar starts



Lost and found being displayed next week for school site to view/reclaim (next page):







**W. A. Fraser Middle School PAC**  
**Statement of Revenue & Expenses and Cash Balance**  
**as at Nov 17, 2021**

Student Count	641
Grade 6	232
Grade 7	200
Grade 8	209

	General Account	Gaming Account	Total	
Regular Class "A" Equity Shares	34.59	-	34.59	
Opening Balance (Oct 20/2021)	9,361.45	23,975.67	33,337.12	
Revenue		-	-	
	-	-	-	
Expenses				
04-Nov School District No 34 / WAF – 2020/21-9	-	2,412.19	2,412.19	
04-Nov School District No 34 / WAF – 2020/21-10	-	1,804.52	1,804.52	
04-Nov School District No 34 / WAF – 2020/21-11	-	675.00	675.00	
25-Oct CHQ28 / Michelle Bastien / #2021-10-01 / WTD	142.72	-	142.72	
	142.72	4,891.71	4,834.43	
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>9,218.73</b>	<b>19,283.96</b>	<b>28,502.69</b>	
Outstanding Cheques				
Total Outstanding Cheques	-	-	-	
<b>Ending Cash Less Outstanding Cheques</b>	<b>9,218.73</b>	<b>19,283.96</b>	<b>28,502.69</b>	
Committed Funds (Budgeted Items)				<b>Paid Out</b>
#2020-10-01 <del>Grad Hoodies 2021 – Up to \$600 (5/hoodie)</del>	-	800.00	800.00	675.00
#2020-11-01 <del>Book Club – Books &amp; Book Storage</del>	-	8,700.00	8,700.00	8,268.54
#2021-05-01 <del>Grade 8 Graduation Lunch</del>	-	1,300.00	1,300.00	
#2021-05-02 <del>Girls Basketball Jerseys to replace worn decade old ones</del>	-	1,200.00	1,200.00	821.85
#2021-05-03 <del>Entrepreneurial Club Coffee machine and supplies for resale</del>	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	800.79
#2021-09-01 Staff Appreciation – 50 * 10	570.00		570.00	
#2021-09-02 General – Class room support materials 22 x \$100	2,200.00		2,200.00	
#2021-09-03 Grad Hoodies 2022 – (\$5/hoodie) (209 Students)	-	1,045.00	1,045.00	
PAC Donations Pending Revenue 2020/2021	(2,380.00)		(2,380.00)	
Gaming Grant Pending Revenue 2021/2022		(12,000.00)	(12,000.00)	
#2021-10-02 Kaufman / Gr6 / Chess Boards (Chess Club) 6 for \$179		179.78	179.78	
#2021-10-03 Immunization Expenses (2019 \$112.91)	400.00		400.00	
#2021-10-01 World Teacher Day / Scones/Croissants/Buns/Danish	142.72		142.72	
#2021-11-01 Seasonal Teacher Appreciation	300.00		300.00	
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<b>Total Committed Funds (Budgeted Items)</b>	<b>1,232.72</b>	<b>2,224.78</b>	<b>3,457.48</b>	<b>- 10,566.18</b>
<b>Ending Cash Less Committed Funds (Forecast)</b>	<b>7,986.01</b>	<b>27,625.38</b>	<b>25,045.21</b>	