



Minutes
École Coquitlam River
Elementary
Parent Advisory Council

Thursday, September 18, 2025

1. In Attendance

Meeting start time: 7:08pm

Angie Morton, Tanya Wu, Alysha Hackett, Tara Morton, Chelsea Geisbrecht, Aynsley Pescitelli, Sanat Saeidi Lard, Zeynep Maktay, Charlene Back, Foad Mostafa Soltani, Valerie Bambul, Veronika Sakovich, Nicole Spindor

Zoom:

Christi Medaris, Kelly Abbott, Tanya Wilson, Aylin, Komcu, Mostafa, Nicole, Maral, Miriam, Jennie, Maliheh, Lindsay, Kristy Ferns, Ellen, Pamela, Kathleen Smiley

2. Approval of Minutes – June

Angie Morton and Aynsley Pescitelli

3. Approval of Agenda

Tara Morton and Aynsley Pescitelli

4. Principal's Report

- Welcome to all families, looking forward to another great year at CRE
- There are a total of 306 students this year. We have 9 English and 5 French divisions. Unfortunately, we had to go down one French division as the district was unable to replace the part time teacher that left CRE. The positions was posted internally and externally, all efforts were exhausted but it could not be filled. Decision was made to close a division and redistribute students around the remaining divisions. We have also lost a part time student services teacher for FRIMM because of this.
- Welcoming conversations next week the 24th and 25th. There will be early dismissal at 1:40 on both of those days.
- September 29th CRE will have a Truth and Reconciliation Day Ceremony/Orange Shirt Day. School will be closed for the STAT holiday on September 30th.
- October 6th photo day
- New program for grade 5's called "The Incredibles" to take on roles throughout the school, it has started.
- The Gymnastics Program will be running again this year for three weeks starting September 29.



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- The school would like to purchase more laptops, there are some funds within the school, but PAC support would be appreciated. Laptops would be subsidised by the district, and we can trade in our older ones.

5. Treasurer's Update

CRE PAC TREASURER REPORT School Year 2025/2026

Meeting date: September 18, 2025

Prepared by: Lina Grajales (not present at meeting)

2024/2025 AT A GLANCE

Account	2024-JUL-01	2025-JUL-01	Yearly Change
General Operating Fund	\$ 22,094.92	\$ 26,060.61	↑ \$ 3,965.69
Gaming Fund	\$ 3,945.69	\$ 1,244.98	↓ \$ 2,700.71
Playground Fund	\$ 13,180.80	\$ 13,430.33	↑ \$ 249.53

- We were able to add almost \$4K, while supporting our school community through classroom funds, PAC supported lunches, Snowflake ball, babysitting during PAC meetings, Christmas hampers, Grad funds, no cost treat days (Christmas and year end), popcorn machine purchase, volunteer appreciation gifts, sandbox toys, school wide tennis program, and supporting Strong start – amongst many others. Well done!
- Even though the gaming fund is down, this is a great thing. The goal is to use as much of our gaming fund every year. Last school year we used our gaming funds to support school wide hip-hop classes, field trips, HR MacMillan portable planetarium, and the sandbox construction.
- The playground fund continues to sit and collect minimal interest. We will need to discuss this year what the next steps are and how much we will need to complete the kindergarten playground.

ACCOUNT BALANCES – as of Sept 16, 2025

General Operating Fund - \$ 24,784.05

Gaming Fund – \$ 1,244.98

Playground Fund - \$ 13,465.71

Grade 5 Account - \$ 58.17

SUMMARY OF RETURNING PAC SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

- Classroom Fund: \$150 per division
- Field Trip Fund: \$5 per student
- Teacher Wish List: \$2,500

GENERAL NOTES:

- Gaming Grant Application was submitted on 2025 April 25
- Gaming Account Year End Report was submitted on 2025 August 7
- BCCPAC Registration and Membership payment to be completed 2025 September



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Item: General Account	Proposed Budget 2025-2026	Spent to Date	Current Balance
BCCPAC Membership (Gaming account)	\$ -		\$ -
Babysitting (\$17.50/hr)	\$ 700		\$ 700.00
Social Committee	\$ 300		\$ 300.00
Classroom Funds	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000.00
Teacher wish list	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500.00
Field Trip Funds	\$ -		\$ -
Snowflake Ball/ DJ	\$ 1,400		\$ 1,400.00
Pac Movie Night*	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000.00
Grad Funds	\$ 500		\$ 500.00
Christmas Hampers	\$ 500		\$ 500.00
Strong Start	\$ 500		\$ 500.00
PAC Supported Lunches (Increased to 4,500 from 3,500. Approved Feb 6, 2025)	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000.00
Munch a Lunch	\$ 280		\$ 280.00
Miscellaneous Admin Expenses	\$ 500		\$ 500.00
Volunteer appreciation gifts (draws)	\$ 200		\$ 200.00
PAC Zoom (approved Sept 12, 2024)	\$ 245		\$ 245.00
December Treat day Charlie's Chocolate (approved Oct 2, 2024)	\$ -		\$ -
Popcorn Machine (approved Nov 5, 2024)	\$ -		\$ -
Carnival (approved Mar 6, 2025)	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000.00
Teacher Appreciation Week (approved Mar 6, 2025)	\$ 500		\$ 500.00
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			\$ -
TOTALS:	\$ 22,125.00	\$ -	\$ 22,125.00

Item: Gaming Account	Proposed Budget 2025-2026	Spent to Date	Current Balance
BCCPAC Membership (Gaming account)	\$ 100		\$ 100.00
Field Trip Funds	\$ 1,600		\$ 1,600.00
December Treat day Charlie's Chocolate (approved Oct 2, 2024)	\$ 675		\$ 675.00
End of year freezie day	\$ 100		\$ 100.00
Dance Class (Hip Hop)	\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500.00
Activity (performance, etc) - planetarium	\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500.00
Welcome back coffee and donuts	\$ 200	\$ 167.51	\$ 32.49
Tennis	\$ 525		\$ 525.00
TOTALS:	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 167.51	\$ 6,032.49

6. Input from Parents Present

When can we order hot lunches?

Munch-a-lunch will open shortly, for hot lunches, movie tickets etc. (likely this week)

When does the grade 5 committee start?



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Will need people to come forward and form the committee asap. Fundraising can start as soon as the committee is formed. Tentative bookings for grade 5's made by teachers already.

How does the movie night work?

Movie night tickets are sold per person or per family. Costumes are encouraged as it is right before Halloween on October 23rd. The whole family is welcome to come, tickets will be sold on munch-a-lunch.

How does hot lunch ordering work?

When ordering hot lunches, you can pick and choose which days you order and even only order one item, you do not have to order hot lunch. Sept-December lunches will be available to order soon.

Costume sale will be October 2 and 3, \$5 per costume

7. Chairperson's Report

- Hot Lunches/Treat Days start in October
 - Vendors for 25/26 are A&W, Little Caesar's, Red Robin, & Subway
 - We will also have Hot Dog days again this year!
 - Oct 2 - Hot Lunch - Little Caesars
 - Oct 10 - TCBY
 - Oct 16- Hot Lunch - A&W
 - Oct 23 - Movie Night
 - Oct 30 - Hot Lunch - Hot Dogs
 - For all dates, see PAC News - should be coming home next week
- Pac Donations- Are much appreciated, especially from families that are unable to volunteer at the school however it is optional. Donations can be made through munch-a-lunch \$35 per student or \$50 per family. It is used to fund a lot of things that improve the school. The funds are used to benefit the kids; they helped to fund the sandbox and the planetarium last year.
- Halloween Costume Collection happening now!
 - Rubbermaid Tote in Lobby
- Carnival - Monday, June 1st after school, time TBC
 - Volunteers needed for planning committee
 - Last year's stuffies are in storage to use at this year's event



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- If you have a unique skill/item that may be a good fit, please reach out in person/on facebook/via email crepacexecutives@gmail.com
- PAC Positions
 - We are looking for people to help on the PAC. See attached 'PAC Positions' page.
 - If you can help in any capacity, please let us know! (we really need an event coordinator!!)
- Upcoming Fundraisers/Events
 - Sun Oka Apple Fundraiser - Now until Oct. 6th - <https://tinyurl.com/CREapples25>
 - Community Values Coupon Books - coming soon (October) for local businesses
 - Purdy's - coming soon
 - Welcome Back Movie Night - Thurs October 23rd
 - Shopping Night – Thursday, November 6th 5-8:30pm. Email crepacexecutives@gmail.com for application. Tables are \$30 for adults and \$10 for kids
 - Snowflake Ball - Fri December 5th (we will need volunteers Saturday November 29th to help setup prior) photographer will do family photos, dj
 - Volunteer draw for movie passes - week of Dec 15th
 - West Coast Seeds (December through January)
 - Hip Hop Week still deciding on the timing

8. Grade 5s

- Annual PAC donation of \$500 will be provided once there is a team and a treasurer

9. New Business

- none

10. **Next Meeting – October 7, 2025 at 7pm.** Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month this year.

11. **Adjournment 8:12pm**



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Current & Ongoing Fundraisers

- **Mabel's Labels** – go to mabelslabels.ca and click “support a fundraiser” search for CRE PAC and get shopping. There is a wide variety of labels you can create.
- **Return it Depot** - walk up with your bottle returns in a clear or see-through blue plastic bag and put in the school's phone number (604) 942-0241 into the express return machine – print out your labels and place them on the bags to leave in the express return area for your deposit to go to the fundraising efforts. Don't forget to scan the bag, and there is a maximum of 12 glass bottles per bag and 6 bags per day.