



Minutes

École Coquitlam River
Elementary
Parent Advisory Council

January 13, 2026

Attendance: Nicole Spindor, Tanya Wu, Tara Morton, Angie Morton, Alysha Hackett, Lina, Aynsley Pescitelli, Chelsea Giesbrecht, Charlene Beck Tanya Wilson, Kristie Nielson, Lindsay Verano, David Mushens, Nicole Bourbonnais, Kelly Abbott, Veronika Sakovich, Valeriya Bambul, Jennie, Susana

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06

1) Approval of minutes: Lina Grajales, Alysha Hackett

2) Approval of agenda: Tanya Wilson, Alysha Hackett

3) Principals report:

-David is leaving at the end of the month, his last day will be January 29th

-Programs of Choice applications close January 14th all incoming K's must have them completed, even siblings

-English K registration opens at the end of this month

-David projects that we will be back at 15 divisions next year 6 FRIMM and 9 English, the new development at Shaughnessy and Prairie may be our catchment and could impact enrollment in coming years

-science programs in the school this week

-FRIMM rapper January 16th at end of the day

-Week of the 23rd is Carnivale, stations in classroom and in the gym, visit from Bonhomme

-January 26th is a pro-D day

-First week of February will be Olympics themed

-Student led conferences are Feb 26th

-Spring concert March 12th there will be an afternoon performance, a survey may come out about if an evening one will be held as well

4) Treasurer update



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CRE PAC TREASURER REPORT School Year 2025/2026

Meeting date: January 13, 2026
Prepared by: Lina Grajales

ACCOUNT BALANCES – as of Jan 13, 2026

General Operating Fund - \$33,234.95

- To be withdrawn: \$ 824.22
- To be deposited: \$ 620.00

Gaming Fund – \$ 5,075.11

- To be withdrawn: \$ 619.17
 - Field Trip Funds
- To be deposited: \$ 600
 - Cheque #39 was cashed twice (Dec 16, 2024 & Jan 07, 2026) – Bank has been notified and will reverse the transaction

Playground Fund - \$ 13,531.09

Grade 5 Account - \$ 2,357.67

- To be deposited: \$ 316.39

SUMMARY OF RETURNING PAC SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

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

GENERAL NOTES:

Activity options for spring. Budget: \$1,500

Option 1: OWL Orphaned Wildlife (owlrehab.org), approx. \$ 1,450

- Two presentations per day (max 90 students per presentation)
- 60 minutes long. Formatted to follow BC Curriculum Science Big Ideas and Content for each grade level.
- Meet two live raptors (1 owl and 1 hawk/falcon/turkey vulture)

Option 2: Explore Science Club (explorescienceclub.com)

- 1 session of the Tricky show for the whole school, \$325
- 6 high engagement fun tricks all based on science. The theme is tricky balance. 30-40 minutes long. Kids get to try some of the tricks.

Option 3: Explore Science Club (explorescienceclub.com)

- 7 Elemental sessions over 2 days, \$1030
- Elemental Science Magic Show is popular for smaller groups (2 classes at a time). Consists of 5 fun tricks and a song all based on science. The theme is atomic forces. 30-40 minutes long. Kids get to try some of the tricks.



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Item: General Account	Proposed Budget 2025-2026	Spent to Date	Current Balance
Babysitting (\$17.50/hr)	\$ 700	\$ 297.50	\$ 402.50
Social Committee	\$ 300		\$ 300.00
Classroom Funds	\$ 3,000	\$ 755.12	\$ 2,244.88
Teacher wish list	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500.00
Snowflake Ball/ DJ	\$ 1,400	\$ 860.70	\$ 539.30
Pac Movie Night	\$ 1,000	\$ 565.60	\$ 434.40
Grad Funds	\$ 500	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Christmas Hampers	\$ 500	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Strong Start	\$ 500	\$ 404.55	\$ 95.45
PAC Supported Lunches	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,936.75	\$ 3,063.25
Munch a Lunch	\$ 280		\$ 280.00
Miscellaneous Admin Expenses	\$ 500		\$ 500.00
Volunteer appreciation gifts (draws)	\$ 200	\$ 51.96	\$ 148.04
PAC Zoom	\$ 245	\$ 240.69	\$ 4.31
Carnival	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000.00
Teacher Appreciation Week	\$ 500		\$ 500.00
TOTALS:	\$ 22,125.00	\$ 6,112.87	\$ 16,012.13

Item: Gaming Account	Proposed Budget 2025-2026	Spent to Date	Current Balance
BCCPAC Membership	\$ 100	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Field Trip Funds	\$ 1,600	\$ 626.67	\$ 973.33
December Treat day Charlie's Chocolate	\$ 675	\$ 595.35	\$ 79.65
End of year freezie day	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Dance Class (Hip Hop)	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Activity (performance, etc)	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Welcome back coffee and donuts	\$ 200	\$ 190.01	\$ 9.99
Tennis	\$ 525	\$ -	\$ 525.00
MISC (Cheques)		\$ 104.52	\$ -
TOTALS:	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 3,012.03	\$ 3,187.97

5) Chairpersons report

January Hot Lunches/Treat Days

- Jan 16th TCBY
- Jan 22nd Red Robin (see PAC news for all future dates)

-Please note vendor change with next hot lunch, Signup link has been updated

-Volunteers needed, please sign up to help if you can: <https://tinyurl.com/crehotlunch25>

-Hardbite chips have arrived



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Upcoming Fundraisers and Events

- Pedalheads code RIVER26- \$25 discount on any program and PAC gets \$25 back as well (code must be redeemed before June 30th). This is valid for any program in BC until August 31, 2026.
- Rocky Point Ice Cream gift cards, coming in April
- February event? -plan to cancel and focus on carnival
- Carnival- Monday June 1 after school, Meeting Thursday Jan 28th via Zoom
-70ft obstacle course option, thinking about entry with wristbands, look into who can help with food ?poco firefighters

6) Input from parent's present

-What is the reason for Davids move?- There were 3 or so retirements at the elementary level so there was a need to make moves. Generally, principals stay at a school for 5-6 years and then move on. There are two times during the year when moves happen, mid-term, or end of year

-Shade project update- grant for the outdoor classroom, but its not well utilized since the street noise is loud. There will be a meeting on the pro-d day to discuss what can and can't be done to build some shade at the back of the school. David would like to look at both shade and shelter.

-Is the school participating in May Day's?- We would need parent volunteers who would attend a training session who would then volunteer to teach kids that want to participate. Those that do would attend the May Day's event.

7) DPAC

-Next meeting January 28th

Grade 5's

-Facebook group for all grade 5 families- <https://tinyurl.com/cre26grads>

-\$2600 in the account so far, also bottle depot funds to be deposited

-Jan 26th Sushi Fu fundraiser, notices will be sent home with the kids

-Meridian Meats fundraiser upcoming in February

-Neufelds again in the spring

-hoddies the grade 5 classes need to sign them

-Next meeting January 28th via Zoom

8) New business



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-speed sign returned, but not working?- David will follow up with the city

-hot lunches on short months not back to back

9) Next meeting: Tuesday February 3rd

10) Adjournment 8:21

Current and Ongoing Fundraisers

Pedalheads- Pedalheads code RIVER26 will give you a \$25 discount on any program and gives \$25 back to the PAC as well (code must be redeemed before June 30th). This is valid for any program in BC until August 31, 2026.

Mabels Labels- go to mabelslabels.ca and click "support a fundraiser" search for CRE PAC and get shopping. There are a wide variety of labels you can create.

Return it Depot- Walk up with your bottle returns in a clear of 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 the express return area for you deposit to go to the fundraising efforts. Don't forget to scan the bag! There is a maximum of 12 glass bottles per bag and 6 bags per day.