



Minutes

École Coquitlam River
Elementary
Parent Advisory Council

September 16, 2026

Attendance: Nicole Spindor, Tanya Wu, Alysha Hackett, Lina Grajales, Chelsea Giesbrecht, Tara Morton, Aynsley Pescitelli, Veronika Sakovich, Valeria Bambul, Angie Morton, Tanya Wilson, Christi Medaris, Miriam Wiggins, Katherine Yu, Zenloan Tsang, Setareh Molaei, Steph Duncan, Areli Gomez Cruz, Sheida Farkhondeh Poun

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06

1) Approval of minutes: Tanya Wu, Tara Morton

2) Approval of agenda: Angie Moron

3) Principals report:

-The school has had many updates done over the past few months including; hallway painting, new floors, and new bulletin boards. The outdoor learning space has been created in the forest and there is a name contest going on to name it. We are working on keeping it safe as a school, students are only in the space if they are with a teacher.

-There were also some purchases made including an ultra laser cutter for fabrics and wood as well as a 3D printer. There is also some new furniture and seating areas around the school.

-The school website has been updated this is district wide, please ensure that you scroll down as the layout is different, please familiarize yourself with it.

-GaGa Ball pit (softer version of dodgeball) is going to be installed permanently by the intermediate playground

-There are some new teachers this year Ms. Chen, Mrs. McKinnon, Ms. Emmalee, and Ms. Acorn who is returning from mat leave this year.

-Strongstart has moved to a smaller room in the school to adapt to the decrease in size and give the music program more space.

-The Goals for Learning and Action Plan are posted on the website. Our school is continuing with the numeracy goal, the human and social development goal (mindfulness and self regulation), and indigenous story. Parent links will be sent out to show what the children are learning at school.

-Opening week- we went down on enrollment as of last Friday which is why information went out on Monday. With this method the school can support the movement of students to their new classrooms with lots of conversations and thoughtfulness behind it.

-Reminders that there is a childhood experiences questionnaire, this will come home and it is a provincial wide survey. Please complete it if you are able.

-School cash online and Munch-a-Lunch are up and running.



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-Parking is going well. PLEASE NOTE that you cannot exit your car in the parking loop, this helps with the flow and backup on the street.

-Important dates: Truth and Reconciliation Day Sept 30, October 5Th school photo day

-Hot Lunch, this year our lunch is from 12-1245

4) Treasurer update

ACCOUNT BALANCES – as of September 15, 2026

General Operating Fund - \$29,049

Gaming Fund – \$ 2,529

- Gaming grant application and year end gaming report have been submitted

Playground Fund - \$ 13,656

Grade 5 Account - \$ 540

- Waiting to confirm all cheque have cleared. 2025/2026 grade 5s have decided to donate any remaining funds to Coquitlam River Elementary in support of the new shaded outdoor learning area.

Item: General Account	Budget 2026-2027	Spent to Date	Current Balance
Babysitting (\$18.25/hr)	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ 700.00
Social Committee	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 350.00
Classroom Funds (15 Div. library, music, support staff)	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Teacher wish list	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
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 (20 students)*	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Munch a Lunch	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Miscellaneous Admin Expenses	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Volunteer appreciation gifts (draws)	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200.00
PAC Zoom	\$ 245	\$ -	\$ 245.00
Carnival	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00
Welcome back coffee and donuts	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Teacher Appreciation Week	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500.00
TOTALS:	\$ 20,945.00	\$ -	\$ 20,945.00

Item: Gaming Account	Budget 2026-2027	Spent to Date	Current Balance
BCCPAC Membership	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
Field Trip Funds (\$5 per student)	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500
December Treat Day	\$ 675	\$ -	\$ 675
June Treat Day	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150
Activity Fund	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 3,500
Activity (ex. Hip Hop)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity (ex. Science experience)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity (ex. Tennis)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Welcome back coffee and donuts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MISC (Cheques, deposits, etc)	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50
TOTALS:	\$ 5,975.00	\$ -	\$ 5,975

We receive \$20 per student. Current budget is for 300 students

-The big swing on the intermediate playground needs repair and will have to be temporarily removed it will cost about \$2500 to repair



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-It is a challenging piece of equipment on the playground, Nicole will ask the staff if this is something they would like to keep or if we should put something else in its place.

5) Chairpersons report

- Hot Lunches/Treat Days start in October and are still being planned (prices have increased with many vendors so we will discuss what the best options are)
-for all dates, see the PAC News -will be sent home soon!
- Upcoming Fundraisers/Events
-Sun Oka Apple Fundraiser is live
https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller_1/082171730/org-campaign/cre-pac-harvest-2026
-flyer going home this week
-please join our CRE parents Facebook page to get more information
- Community Values Coupon Books for the Tri-Cities will be available soon!
-we sold 160 last year and the goal is to sell at least 200 this year
-they will be sold on Munch-a-Lunch again this year
-we will have in person sales too, keep you eye out for dates
-Grade 5's will get all the proceeds of their sales
-other proceeds raised will go to PAC
- Costume and Decoration sale (Christi will do the costume sales and Tara will work on selling the decorations)
- Shopping night Thursday November 5 from 5-8pm
-online sign up this year to streamline email
- Snowflake ball Friday December 4th
- Purdy's- stay tuned
- Growing Smiles- stay tuned

6) Input from parent's present

Question about the snowflake ball, we will plan to have the same photographer, and we will plan to book the same DJ as last year? Yes, we will plan to have Kim Culbert do photos and reserve the same DJ as last year.

How many students do we have this year? 295 maybe 296

Are parents interested in swag (CRE gear)? Numerous parents in the meeting have expressed interest.

DPAC

We are registered but there has not yet been a meeting.

7) Grade 5's



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For parents that are interested there will be a Facebook group to fundraise for end of year events, hoodies and other fun things throughout the year. Stay tuned for more information!

8) New business

-Which hot lunches will the PAC be supporting this year? We will continue to discuss outside of this meeting.

9) Next meeting: October 7th at 7pm

10) Adjournment: 7:55pm

Current and Ongoing Fundraisers

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.