École Moody Middle School of the Arts

PAC MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 19, 2026 at 6:30 in School Library

Attendance

Brenda van Hemmen	Chair
Kelly Contreras	Treasurer
Jillian Eaton	Hot Lunch Coordinator
Tiffany Iliescu	Secretary
Federica Pritz	Member at Large
Shelley Egelstad	Team Leader (in for Tamara Banks)

Regrets

Lydia Mynott	DPAC Representative
Tamara Banks	Principal

Parents in Attendance

Gabriela Bencomo, Janey Roh, Tracey Carolan

1. Call to Order

Brenda called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Brenda provided the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Approvals

The meeting agenda was presented for approval. Moved by Federica. Seconded by Tracey.

The minutes from the meeting on September 14, 2026 were presented for approval. Moved by Federica. Seconded by Kelly.

4. Chair's Report

Brenda provided an update about the Sun Oka Apple fundraiser. Pickup was today, but there are a couple of boxes remaining to be picked up. $608 was raised, which is lower than last year when approximately $800 was raised. Discussion about having an additional fundraiser in November. Brenda will look into whether there is a minimum order or whether a $100 delivery fee is charged on smaller orders as no sense in fundraising further if all profits go to cover delivery fees.

Brenda will ask Tamara to remind the teachers about their classroom allowances. Each division teacher is allocated $200 and each exploration teacher is allocated $500. Discussion about additional division and additional exploration (digital art) this year so potential to exceed budget ($5,000 budgeted but could reach $5,700). Kelly confirms can spend 10% over budget without requirement for voting. Kelly will monitor classroom allowance spending throughout the year.

5. DPAC Report

Lydia was unable to attend the meeting but attended the DPAC Meeting on September 16th and provided the following written DPAC Report.

"Attended the Sept. 16 DPAC General Meeting. https://dpac43.ca/wp-content/uploads/DPAC-General-Meeting-Minutes-September-16-2026.pdf

- *Superintendent's Report from Nadine Tambellini.*
- *Presentations included Build a Biz Kids, focused on developing entrepreneurial skills and confidence in kids, and Carol Todd on Digital Wellness & Digital Literacy.*
- *SD43 Family & Community Learning Series is running again this year: Family & Community Learning Series*
- *DPAC also hosted PAC 101 on Sept. 24. PAC 101 Presentation*
- *Next DPAC meeting: Oct. 28, in person at the ELC, including an Anti-Racism presentation from Wendy Yu and the Superintendent's Report.*

DPAC Meeting Schedule

- *October 28, 2026 – In person, 7:00 pm, ELC*
- *November 25, 2026 – Zoom, 7:00 pm*
- *January 27, 2027 – Zoom, 7:00 pm*
- *February 24, 2027 – Zoom, 7:00 pm*
- *March 31, 2027 – Zoom, 7:00 pm*
- *April 28, 2027 – AGM, in person, 6:30 pm*
- *May 26, 2027 – Meeting"*

6. Treasurer's Report

Kelly confirmed the opening balance at the beginning of September was $12,379, which was a carryover from last year. The admin fee for Munch a Lunch was paid from the account, and funds were deposited from the Port Moody Liquor Store in the amount of $446, leaving a closing balance for September in the amount of $12,454.77. So far in October, Munch a Lunch payments of approximately $13,000 have been deposited, and the expenses for Treat Day and Domino's Hot Lunch have been paid, leaving a balance of $23,313; however, suppliers for Hot Lunches up to January 4th will need to be paid from that balance.

The gaming grant funds have been received in the amount of $7,480 and have been deposited into a separate account. Mrs. Banks will provide suggestions for how the gaming grant funds can be allocated.

Kelly will provide the September account statements to be sent out with the meeting minutes.

7. Hot Lunch

Jillian advised that Hot Lunch has been going well. There were 251 orders for Dominos, which is amazing for the first order of the year. There were 14 support-a-student orders as well. PAC has committed to sponsoring ten students, and there are currently nine students registered.

September Treat Day had profit of approximately $120, designed to be more affordable to give students the opportunity to experience other cultures.. There are already 156 orders for the Treat Day in November, which will be Alfajores from La Lula.

Federica would like to offer selections appealing to the demographics at the school, so she spoke with Mikayla, who advised there are many students at Moody with Latin American, Korean, Portuguese, and Russian heritage. Suggestions are welcome!

8. Principal's Report

Mrs. Banks was unable to attend the meeting; however, she provided the following written Principal's Report.

"As before, all clubs and sports are up and running.

Choir has over 90 members. Junior and senior band are full.

Students continue to participate in FSAs until the beginning of November.

Mental Health and Wellness: school-wide goal. Students are participating in a phone/device use survey. Parents will be encouraged to do the same. Hope is to get data to share. This is all related to the school-wide read "The Amazing Generation". Eventually, we are going to participate in a "Rebel Challenge - Commitment to Change" which is going to require us to think of other things to do instead of going online.

Groups of students will be working with Mr. Sclater on various school projects; building bins for volleyballs/basketballs, minor repair work around the school.

Mrs. Banks' mom was in last Friday to cook with a group of students. Students will cook every 2 weeks.

Matias Banks is going to start a weightlifting group within the coming weeks. This is an opportunity for some Moody students to engage in physical activity.

The purpose of the 3 opportunities mentioned above is to engage students in the school environment who are struggling with connection in some way.

We are excited to participate in the Great Pumpkin Walk tomorrow, October 20th. Students from Moody Middle are going to hide pumpkins for Moody Elementary students. This will take place at approximately 11:00 a.m. It is a surprise!

Each pod has now visited the Vancouver Art Gallery. We received very positive feedback from students and teachers. Many thanks to all who volunteered their time. The visit inspired a school-wide art installation project which will begin in the new year."

Ms. Egelstad provided the following additional updates.

Ms. Reichert has organized a knitting and crocheting club for lunchtime on Friday. Mr. Budai's son organized a soccer club last year, and a district teacher will be organizing a soccer club for this year due to high demand. Mr. Walker will be working with every class to make Emily Carr banners. School-wide Brick activities will begin in Term 2.

Discussion about discrepancies between pods in frequency of field trips causing difficulties, particularly when siblings are not in the same pod. It can be challenging for teachers to plan fieldtrips when a certain number of volunteers are required; however, Moody is fortunate to have proximity to the SkyTrain, as well as venues such as Rocky Point Park and the Port Moody Ice Skating Arena.

9. Events and Fundraisers

Emilio Finatti will be hosting a Pizza Night fundraiser on October 28th with 15% of profits from all pickup orders being donated to Moody. This is an easy way to raise funds with no code required, last year $300 was raised. Federica will post on TCMG and Jillian will post on I Love Port Moody.

Jillian is organizing a Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser with orders closing on December 7th and delivery on December 16th. Flyers will be sent home with students in a couple weeks.

10. Other Business

If there are any local vendors in the Moody community, please reach out to Jillian as she would love to support local vendors by purchasing items for Hot Lunches and Treat Days!

Next Meeting Date: November 16, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. (online)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:18 p.m.