



École Moody Middle School of the Arts

PAC MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:30pm in the School Library

Attendance

Brenda van Hemmen	Chair
Kelly Contreras	Treasurer
Jillian Eaton	Hot Lunch Coordinator
Tiffany Iliescu	Secretary
Lydia Mynott	DPAC Representative
Federica Pritz	Member at Large
Tamara Banks	Principal

Parents in Attendance

Jeuny, Bianca, Park, Keith, Janey, Afsaneh, Yuko, Elaine, Roger, Arfinda, Salvador, Alena, Victor, Thais, Carliu

1 Call to Order

Brenda called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgment

Brenda provided the Land Acknowledgment.

3. Approvals

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

The following meeting dates were proposed:

October 19, 2026

November 16, 2026 (online)

December 2026 – no meeting

January 18, 2027 (online)

February 22, 2027

March 2027 – no meeting

April 19, 2027

May 17, 2027 – Annual General Meeting

June 2027 – 2027/2028 Executive Meeting



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4. Executive Introduction

PAC executive members and parents in attendance introduced themselves.

5. Treasurer's Report

Budget

Kelly presented the proposed budget for the 2026/2027 school year as follows:

Healthy Starting Balance of \$12,379.13.

Munch A Lunch	\$6,500
Sun Oka Apples	\$800
Purdy's Chocolates	\$900
Hot Choc. Sales	\$400
Freezie Sales	\$400
PM Liquor Store	\$500
Pizza Night	\$300
Gaming Grant	\$8,000
Donation Day	\$2,000

Expenses

Field Trips	\$3,000
Teacher School Supplies	\$5,000
Grade 8 Graduation	\$2,000
Staff Appreciation	\$1,000
Munch a Lunch Annual Fee	\$370
VanCity EFT Fees (reimbursement for teachers)	\$60
Admin (paper/lables)	\$100
Athletics	\$2,800

Anticipated Closing Balance of \$14,000 to \$17,649 projected.

Approximately \$8,000 was located in another account which was never spent, resulting in the higher than normal balance.



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Discussion about changes to fundraising efforts. Last year, Cobs Breads had a donation day where they fundraised \$2,000 for the school, but Cobs will likely choose a different school to support this year. Freezies will not be sold this year but the musical concession generated approximately the same amount. Jillian may expand treat days fundraising which could include donuts, hot chocolate, or bubble tea. It is anticipated that hot lunches will generate more revenue this year.

Gaming Grant

There was discussion regarding a previous misunderstanding concerning the gaming grant application.

The gaming grant application for the current year was submitted in the spring, and the required report was submitted on September 8th (within the 90-day reporting period following the end of the fiscal year). A response is expected by the middle of October. The amount of the previous year's gaming grant was \$7,800, and the anticipated amount for this year is approximately \$8,000 (based on \$20 per student).

Tamara was asked whether there were any areas where gaming grant funds could be used and where PAC fundraising support would be required, given that fundraising efforts should be related to a specific purpose. Tamara advised that staff had only a brief introductory meeting the previous Tuesday, but further discussions would be taking place at the Pro-D Day on September 25th.

The funding focus the previous year related to the school's rebranding, with the gaming grant funds being used in part to purchase new athletic equipment and jerseys featuring the school's new logo. Jerseys were purchased for volleyball, basketball, and track and field, but this would be a one-time cost. While there will likely be some athletic equipment needing to be replaced this year, the funding focus will shift towards the arts, performing and visual, given Moody is a "school of the arts".

Tamara was asked whether spirit wear will be sold again this year. She advised that the school administration would manage spirit wear sales and a link would be provided for anyone who wished to purchase spirit wear. The spirit wear features the mountain lion logo on the front and the words "Courageous Together Resilient" on the back and will likely be available in black, white, grey, and orange. The school purchased sufficient t-shirts for Grade 6 students for the next few years.

Motion to approve the budget with changes discussed. Moved by Jillian. Seconded by Federica.

6. DPAC Report



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Lydia will be attending the first DPAC meeting of the year on September 16th. Presentations will include Carol Todd and Build A Biz. Information about Build a Biz is available at: <https://buildabizkids.com/at-home-courses/>

There will be a PAC 101 meeting online on September 24th at 7:00 p.m. Information is available at <https://mailchi.mp/a91cfd270ed6/dpac43-invites-you-to-give-your-opinion-and-have-your-voice-heard-12936293?e=30fac30893>

The School District is looking for non-voting members for the Indigenous Education Council. Information is available at: <https://mailchi.mp/2ee31d2635c8/dpac43-invites-you-to-give-your-opinion-and-have-your-voice-heard-12936330?e=30fac30893>

7. Hot Lunch

Jillian provided an update regarding the hot lunch program.

Jillian is organizing hot lunch through Munch A Lunch, which has been updated to improve user-friendliness. Hot lunches will begin in October with lunches being offered twice per month, usually on Wednesday, with the possibility of adding treat days on Tuesday or Thursday of the opposite week.

4 or 5 volunteers are needed to help organize and distribute food on hot lunch days for approximately 30 to 45 minutes. This is a great way to meet teachers and see how your kids behave in school! Anyone interested in volunteering can contact emmsotapac@gmail.com.

8. Principal's Report

The school year is off to a good start with students moving into their classrooms this morning. This can be an anxious time so the focus is on making connections with students and building relationships so every student has at least one trusted adult in the school who can help when needed. A school BBQ and outdoor team-building activities were held last Friday.

Moody has a new Port Moody Police Department school liaison this year who attended the BBQ. Although sometimes different types of interactions are necessary at the middle school level, the function of the school liaison officer is to provide students with a familiar and approachable face from the police department and support positive relationships among the school, students, families, and the community. The school is very lucky to have the support from the Port Moody Police Department who try to visit every couple of weeks as patrol duties allow.

Moody is organized into learning pods which are named after the elements, Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water. There are 16 divisions at the school this year, one more than in the past, with a fifth



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class being added to the Fire pod. The Wind, Fire, and Water pods consist of combined 6/7 and 7/8 grade configurations. The Earth pod is late immersion and consists of separate 6, 7, and 8 classes.

Moody continues to have a strong music program which includes band, jazz band, concert band, percussion club, and choir. There are also many athletic options available throughout the year with cross-country, volleyball, and field hockey starting this fall.

As in previous years, Moody will be hosting UBC teacher candidates during term 1. Approximately 35 teacher candidates will be at the school each Friday through December working collaboratively with the teachers and helping with assessments (reading and numeracy). Some teacher candidates will remain at the school for their student teaching.

The school shares a youth worker and counsellor with Moody Elementary, with Ms. Armstrong being at each school 2.5 days per week.

Students rotate through four explorations, Art (Mr. Walker), Drama (Ms. Magnusson), Music (Ms. Reichert), and Tech Ed (Mr. Abdulla). Further discussion about shifting focus from athletics towards arts, including more support for the musical. Music department could also use more instruments for students, possibly Orff instruments, which are percussive-style instruments with focus on rhythm-recognition, which could cost in the range of \$20,000. Mr. Abdulla will be working on a couple electronics projects this year.

Policy that students store their cell phones in their lockers has been expanded to include iPads and smart watches, as these devices are primarily used for non-learning activities.

Moody is continuing to consider how laptops should be used effectively for learning. Discussion about the difficulty in ensuring that students are using laptops appropriately, emphasis on educating students and families about safe and appropriate use of technology. Appropriate use of laptops includes mathematics activities, uploading assignments, and use during flex time. Staff have observed that many students are not familiar with how to operate a laptop, including logging into MyEd or their email. Discussion about classes for basic computer skills.

Teachers will let students know when they need to bring their laptops to school. The school has lendable laptops (92) for students who do not have access to laptops. Chargers should be brought to school in order to prevent time being wasted searching for chargers. Suggestion to charge laptops at home in order to avoid risk of tripping over cords causing laptops to fall to the ground. Discussion about ChromeBooks having better parental controls but difficulty connecting.

9. Events and Fundraisers



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The Sun Oka Apple fundraiser has already been setup by Jillian, who will forward the information to Mikayla this week. Sales will run until October 6th and delivery will be on October 19th. Ambrosia and Honeycrisp apples are available. Families can share the ordering link with family and friends, but orders must be picked up at the school, and it is not recommended that students pickup the orders as the boxes are large.

The Purdy's Christmas fundraiser will be organized again this year. Sales will be online starting in November. Families can share the ordering link with family and friends, and orders will be sent home with students.

The concession at the school musical was more successful than anticipated last year. Drinks and flower bouquets will be sold again at the school musical.

Federica prepares teacher appreciation events, offering coffees at in-school Pro-D days and a larger event with lunch towards the end of the school year.

Jillian is looking into adding more treat days, which are less about fundraising and more about contributing to the vibes around the school.

Jillian is organizing a pizza night with Emilio Finatti, where a portion of all sales on a designated evening (preferably Wednesday) would be donated to Moody with no codes required. Jillian is looking to late October or early November. Suggestion to advertise on I Love Port Moody.

Discussion about possible strawberry farm fundraiser suggested by a teacher.

PAC is happy to support any additional fundraising efforts, provided they are agreeable to Tamara, particularly those that support local vendors.

10. Other Business

PAC should have Designate Chair in case Brenda is not available. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact emmsotapac@gmail.com.

Discussion about establishing a PAC WhatsApp group, which would be used as a one-way information-sharing group for PAC updates and events, relevant DPAC information, hot lunch reminders, etc. PAC would monitor the group with Jillian coordinating the information.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:38 p.m.