

Como Lake Middle School PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: June 2, 2026

Time: 7:04 p.m.

Location: School Library & Zoom

Attendance

In Person:

Miwa Aoki, Christie Taylor, Nickie Duncan, Teri Beauchemin, Devon Ross, Christine Quan, Angie Lee

Via Zoom:

Olga Kucheriava, Mathew Bennette, Yosief Y., and four additional parents

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

- Quorum was confirmed.
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2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda:

Moved by: ___Miwa Aoki_____

Seconded by: ___Nickie Duncan_____

Carried

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May 2026 meeting minutes:

Moved by: ___Miwa Aoki_____

Seconded by: _Christine Quan_____

Carried

4. Principal's Report

April and May Highlights

- Students demonstrated exceptional growth and engagement during May Genius Hour activities, including skateboarding, fishing, guitar, art, writing, and 3D printing.
- STEAM Club students showcased inquiry-based learning projects at both UBC and Douglas College. Students also participated successfully in district-wide robotics and STEAM challenges at Winslow Centre in April.
- Project-Based Learning activities with Mr. MacD included designing and building mousetrap cars, emphasizing collaboration and critical thinking skills.
- Aaron and Mahek earned Gold Medals at the District Mic'd Up Competition.
- Strong student participation continued in Track and Field, Badminton, and Running Club.
- Families were thanked for their participation in the Emergency Release Drill.

Upcoming Year-End Activities

- Camping Trip: June 8–12
- Team Barbecues: Last two weeks of June
- School Dance: June 18
- Music Concert: June 23 (afternoon)
- Year-End Assembly, Yearbooks, and Learning Updates: June 24

- Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony: June 25 (all students dismissed at noon)

Planning for 2026–2027

- New bell schedule:
 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:33 a.m. start
 - Wednesday: 8:53 a.m. start
 - 3:00 p.m. dismissal daily
 - Lunch extended by five minutes
- Families were encouraged to review the 2026–2027 calendar, including Learning Update and Three-Way Conference dates.
- The school will continue with 16 divisions organized into four teams: Forest, Mountain, River, and Sky.
- Student placement decisions are based on academic, social, and emotional considerations, with efforts made to ensure each student has at least one familiar peer.

Additional Updates

- Student attendance continues to be a significant concern. Students missing more than 10% of instructional time face substantial learning/social challenges.
 - New board games and puzzles have been purchased for the Games Club.
 - Due to growing interest, the STEAM program acquired an additional 3D printer and a laser cutter.
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5. Treasurer's Report

- Christine Quan completed the Gaming Grant application based on 395 students enrolled.
- The PAC will receive **\$7,920** in Gaming Grant funding.
- Miwa Aoki will prepare and publish the year-end financial report.

Account Balances

- Donation Account: \$1,270.70
- Gaming Account: \$185.44
- General Account: \$879.95

Fundraising Summary

- Approximately \$4,000 was raised through:
 - Bottle Drive
 - TCBY Fundraiser
 - Domino's Fundraiser
- Community donations totaled \$1,365.
- TCBY fundraising remains ongoing and final totals will be reported later.

Motions Approved

- \$300 from the Donation Account for a staff appreciation lunch – Approved
- \$200 from the Donation Account for the Youth Worker Fund to be used at the worker's discretion – Approved

Funding and Grants

- PAC funds will be earmarked for next year's Genius Hour activities.
- Devon Ross requested additional outdoor equipment, including soccer, basketball, and football equipment.

- The school received:
 - A \$12,000 Maxine Wilson grant for portable classroom painting and decoration projects.
 - District funding reducing Britannia Mine field trip costs by \$5 per student.
 - A \$2,500 grant for additional musical instruments.
 - A \$3,000 food grant supporting the Cooking Club.
 - Students continue to grow berries used in school food programs.
 - returned to the school as book credits for library purchases.
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6. DPAC Representative's Report

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Superintendent's Report

- The 2026–2027 district budget was approved with no layoffs or recalls anticipated.
- Administrative reassignments were scheduled for May 5.
- Families were reminded to maintain current emergency contact information.
- New district and school websites are expected to launch in June 2026.

Communication with Parents and Caregivers

The district is developing a new website and exploring a companion app.

Survey feedback indicated:

- Communication can be overwhelming.
- Clarity and relevance are more important than volume.

District goals include:

- Simplifying communication platforms.
- Improving accessibility and translation services.
- Enhancing mobile accessibility.
- Improving emergency communication consistency and speed.

Committee Updates

Anti-Racism Committee

- District-wide surveys regarding racism and inclusion were distributed.
- Discussions with UBC regarding diversity training opportunities for educators continue.

Technology Education Committee

- Positive feedback was received regarding the district website redesign.
- New websites will feature more school-specific information and translation tools.

French Committee

- French Immersion continues to be recognized as both a language and cultural program.
- Coquitlam River Elementary is adding an additional French Immersion class.
- Efforts continue to improve teacher recruitment and equitable funding.
- Maillardville French Summer Camps remain available to students.

BCCPAC Updates

- Congratulations were extended to Darin Wong on his election to the BCCPAC Executive.

- BCCPAC currently represents approximately 500 member PACs and DPACs across British Columbia.
- Increased parent engagement and committee participation were encouraged.

2026–2027 DPAC Executive

- President: Jamie Manchester
 - Vice-President: Christopher Hilliker
 - Secretary: Sherie Bohorquez
 - Treasurer: Jimmy Fung
 - Newsletter Editor: Alaina Milicevic
 - PAC Communications Liaison: Melanie Moore
 - Members-at-Large:
 - Angie Lee
 - Hannah Chow
 - Madiha Kaleem
 - Todd Gelinis
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7. New Business

Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony

- Volunteers are needed for the Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony on June 25, 2026.
- Assistance is also required on June 24 from 3:00–4:00 p.m. for setup, including banners and decorations.

Fundraising Discussion

KONA Ice Fundraiser

- Angie Lee shared information about the KONA Ice fundraising program.
- Students purchase shaved ice for approximately \$5 each.
- The school receives a 15% return on sales.
- Pre-ordering through School Cash Online or MunchaLunch was recommended to minimize lineups.
- Hosting the fundraiser during Parent Night was suggested to maximize participation.
- Combining the fundraiser with the Scholastic Book Fair was also discussed.

Future Fundraising Ideas

- Continue alternating between TCBY and KONA Ice fundraisers.
 - Explore a White Spot fundraiser, which provides a percentage of restaurant sales back to the school.
 - Event dates will be discussed and finalized in September.
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Annual General Meeting

1. Election of 2026–2027 PAC Executive

The following executive positions were filled by unanimous vote:

- Chair: Miwa Aoki (pending confirmation will decide in September)
- Co-Chair: Teri Beauchemin
- Treasurer: Christine Quan
- Secretary: Christie Taylor
- DPAC Representative: Angie Lee
- Fundraising Coordinator: Nickie Duncan

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Executive Transition

The following transition items were discussed:

- Access to the PAC Google account
 - Joining the PAC WhatsApp group
 - Updating cheque signing authorities
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3. Adjournment

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Dates

- School Open House: October 1, 2026, 6:00–7:00 p.m. (Gymnasium)
- First PAC Meeting of the 2026–2027 School Year: October 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. (Library)