

École Kwayhquitlum Middle School PAC Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 1st, 2025, at 6:30pm
School Learning Commons/Library

Attendees

- **Online:** Kristin Bresciani, Liz Carr, Monica Q., Elva Wang, Shwetambhri Kaushal, Mel
- **In Person:** Yvonne Gomez, Laurie Sviatko, Rob Heinrichs, James Kerwin, Anna Makieienko, Gagandeep Dhillon, Sherri Wardman

Call to Order

1. Acknowledgement of Territories
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Adopt Agenda

Acknowledgements

- A special thank you to the Kway coaching staff, theatre staff, and the Success Club for their outstanding work with all the volunteer after-school programs.
- Thank you to Sue Barns for organizing the overnight ski trip, which will be attended by over 100 kids.

Principal's Report (VP, Rob Heinrichs)

- The sports term was successful, with volleyball and soccer intramurals progressing well.
- The winter concert is approaching, scheduled for the last week before the break.
- The Success Club is getting underway.
- Last Friday, the Bears team went on a field trip to see the movie *Zootopia 2*.
- A highlight from last week was the excellent shop projects, specifically the Grade 8 students making wooden spoons, who have performed very well.
- Wishlists for the school are coming together.
- Learning update writing is in progress, with teacher submissions due next week.
- There are three weeks remaining until the holidays.
- **Spirit Week** will be held during the last week before the break.
 - Each class will have a movie theme.
 - "Brrr grams" will be sold.
 - There will be five different themes, one for each day.

DPAC Update

- Discussed the recent EA budget cuts.
- SD43 added 43 new Educational Assistants (EAs) this year.
- Noted an ongoing French immersion teacher shortage.

- The Anti-Racism Committee is sending out surveys to schools to gather information about their experiences.
- Presentation on concussions from BC Children's Hospital was highlighted. The Concussion Awareness Training (CAT) tool is now mandatory for coaches and is also available to teachers, students, and parents.

Hot Lunch Program

- The last hot lunch of the current quarter is Subway on December 12th.
- The committee is looking into options for the next quarter, possibly re-introducing White Spot or sushi.
- Monika will investigate a sign-up program similar to the one used by Smiling Creek Elementary.
- Liz can post updates to the Facebook page.
- Need to confirm 1-2 volunteers for the day of the hot lunch (maximum 3 people).

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Update

- A request was made for volunteers to represent our PAC on the CPF Provincial Committee. This involves one online meeting per month.

Treasurer's Report: Budget Summary

- **Gaming Budget:** \$15,288 (Annual gaming grant received)
- **General Account:** \$11,253

Old Business

- **Inclusive PAC:** An email was sent to parents reaffirming the PAC's commitment to being open and welcoming.
- **PAC Table at Winter Concert:** A PAC information table will be set up at the winter concert. James, Liz, and Yvonne volunteered to staff it.
- **Guest Speakers for Parents (In Progress):**
 - Zara has reached out to Children of the Street.
 - Yvonne has reached out to Family Start and Kinsight.
 - There is potential for Kway to host a parent night in the spring to invite parents from other schools to attend presentations.

New Business

- **Burke Mountain Secondary School Update/Request for Parent Participation:**
 - Seeking 2 parents per school to serve as representatives and report back to their PAC.
 - A meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, December 4th, at 7:00 PM.
 - The catchment area is currently undetermined.

- The grade levels to be offered are also not yet defined.
- Mel will email the PAC with thoughts and questions.
- **Questions Raised:** How will registrations work? There is a policy regarding present students being grandfathered in to stay at their current schools.
- **MAC Program (Mentally Advanced Children):**
 - MAC students have been tested as gifted and are able to work independently.
 - They have a noted deficit in social skills.
 - The goal is to help them build relationships outside of their club.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05pm

Next Kway PAC Meeting: Monday, January 12th, 2026 | 6:30 PM in the Learning Commons/Library