

École Kwayhquiltum Middle School PAC Meeting

Minutes

Monday January 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM

School Learning Commons/Library

Attendance : Yvonne (Chair), Anna Makieienko (co-chair), James Kerwin (treasurer), Sherri W. (DPAC rep.), Woojin Kim (CPF), Rob Hendrichs (Vice Principal), Laurie Sviatko (Principal), Reza Hessami, Julie Theissen, Liz Carr (Communications).

Call to Order 6:45pm

Sincere apologies, the PAC chair Yvonne, was unable to open the zoom link – this was not able to be corrected in the moment. A TEAMS link was posted in Kway Facebook page – this should not happen again.

Reports:

1. Treasurer –

Gaming Account: \$15,288.74

General Account: \$8,233.00

James presented to the PAC that the Teacher funds are not being utilized and we are waiting on receipt submission. Laurie clarified that teachers are wanting to spend the funds in the second term – and they are grateful and interested. New deadline for receipts in May 1, 2026 so all cheques are be distributed by year end.

2. Principal & Vice Principal

It is only the second Monday back and Laurie took the time to reflect that December's transition into break was wonderful and there was the right amount of Spirit Days and good energy in the school. There was a thank you to the production of the Winter Concert that was very well attended. Another big thank you to all the financial donations that were made towards the family hampers – this made a huge difference to families in our school community. The new rotation of expos are now underway, there are pancake breakfasts being hosted this week by grade. The first ski/snowboard trip is going out next week to Sun Peaks, Basketball is also starting. Highschool walkabout will be happening on January 23, 2026.

3. DPAC

The highlights of the November meeting were shared. The results from the 2030 survey were summarized. Highlights included Playground accessibility, Deeper Learning and Strong Learning, as well as Are teachers getting what they need? There was also information shared about the benefits of FRIM, second lanaguges spoken at home, as well as the impact of multiple languages when children have disabilities. Family Language Learning plans are tool in these cases. <https://dpac43.ca/documents>

4. Hot Lunch

Muchalunch is now open <https://www.munchalunch.com> There is still time to order – there are three TCBY dates along with Dominos Pizza, and Subway! This support the PAC in fundraising!

5. Canadian Parents French

Woojin Kim will be our connection to CPF – he is getting familiar with the website, and has registered as a parent and volunteer – more news to follow. Thank you Woojin!

Old Business:

1. Parent Education Event – planned by PAC

SAVE THE DATE MONDAY MARCH 2nd 5:45 p.m.

A parent/caregiver presentation will be hosted by PAC. Children of the Street <https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/> is a local organization that raises awareness by providing young people and adults with the knowledge and tools to keep their children, themselves and their peers safe. This organization is part of PLEA Community Services. <https://www.plea.ca/> The presentation is an hour and 15 minutes long, and called Keeping Kids Safe Online. This workshop is intended for adults. The following topics are covered.

Some of the topics covered throughout the workshop include:

- Online sexual exploitation
- Red flags of luring and grooming
- Sextortion
- Child sexual abuse materials (CSAM)
- Peer to peer exploitation
- App literacy, including a review of today's most popular kids' platforms
- How to talk to children about online sexual exploitation Safety tips
- Local resources
- How to seek help

2. Land Acknowledgement Education Opportunity follow up

A speaker and date to be set before the end of the school year

3. Burke Mountain Secondary School

Email was sent to families directly from the District. Gagan and Yvonne attended the district meeting. Yvonne shared at the PAC that the initial invitation to the meeting was one of collaboration and information seeking. The meeting was not this – and it was a presentation of the District's position, and next steps. This information can be found in the late December

email from the District. Town Hall meetings were put on the agenda, and a way of hearing from schools, parents and caregivers directly.

4. PAC recruitment/outreach at Winter Concert

- Members of the PAC attended the Winter Concert and spoke to so many parents – **thank you for stopping at our table and saying hello.** We continue to welcome and seek more parents to come and participate, listen and contribute to our discussions, coming to PAC is a great way to connect with the school, and other parents. We continue to seek diversity across our entire school community, and welcome at times of representation. Your presence makes a difference. (Coming to a meeting does not mean you need to have a volunteer position – although you can ask us questions – we love to talk 😊.)
- PAC will continue to flyer, and speak at other school wide events.
- There will be positions on PAC available for the 2026/2027 school year

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY FEB 2, 2026 – 6:30pm Learning Commons or Zoom

<https://douglascollege-ca.zoom.us/j/64405120172?pwd=zT0LZfbthkV2UOtLul5awjoTc9aTF9.1>