

École Kwayhquitlum Middle School PAC Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 13th, 2026, at 6:34 p.m.
School Learning Commons/Library

Attendance:

- **Via Video Conference:** Liz Carr, James
- **In-Person:** Yvonne Gomez, Rob Heinrichs, Kristin Bresciani, Laurie Sviatko, Anna, Sherie

Motion to Adopt the Agenda: Approved by all attendees.

1. Acknowledgement of Territories

2. Acknowledgements

- Ms. Wynne has returned. Appreciation was expressed for the great support provided during her absence, and for her return to the EA team.
- The Sports Council was highly supportive at the basketball jamboree. Thanks were extended to the teachers for organizing the event, and specifically to Mr. Bale for spearheading the effort.

3. Principal and VP's Report (Laurie & Rob)

- Articulation activities are commencing. Rob and Laurie will visit four feeder schools to present information about École Kwayhquitlum. A separate team of teachers will follow up to conduct student articulation. This process aids in setting up classes, balancing student distribution, building relationships, and supporting the children.
- The school is moving into spring sports, including badminton, track & field, and rugby.
- Reviewing school goals to determine whether to maintain a focus on literacy or shift to numeracy.
- Mr. Gordon will be retiring this year.

4. DPAC Report

- Jodie, Minister of Child and Family Development, was in attendance.
 - The discussion focused on changes to the funding process for Autistic children. The shift involves moving away from specifically diagnosing autism to better distribute funding to other children who are also in need.
- [The Foundry](#) is now open in Coquitlam near the IHOP. **Action:** Liz to post this information on the Facebook page.
- Book Recommendation: *The Emotional Lives of Teenagers*.
- An update on the \$30,000,000 K-12 literacy grant currently in process.
- A speaker on careers programs, emphasizing the promotion of trades in high school was in attendance at the last meeting.

- Sherie will attend the DPAC AGM at the end of the month.

5. Hot Lunch Update

- **Action:** Liz to post the dates of upcoming Munch a Lunch events on the Facebook page.
- Megan provided current sales numbers via group chat

6. CPF Update

- **Action:** Yvonne to send Kristin Bresciani relevant documents and provide an update at the next meeting.
- **Action:** Liz and James to confirm the school's CPF membership status for the current year.

7. Budget

- **Gaming Budget:** The balance is unchanged
- **General Account:** \$10,000.
- Less than half of the teachers have submitted requests for teacher funds. The PAC should prompt teachers to send in their requests.

8. Old Business

- **March 2026 PAC/School Event - Children of the Street:** The event was successful, with roughly 40-45 parents in attendance and a great discussion. **Action:** Yvonne to send event resources to Laurie to share with parents.

9. New Business

- PAC Volunteer Opportunities
 - **TBD:**
 - French
 - DPAC
 - Hot Lunch
 - Secretary (Shweta)
 - **Confirmed 2026/2027 Year:**
 - Communications: Liz
 - Treasurer: James
 - Co-Chair: Anna
 - Secretary: Kristin Bresciani
 - Chair: Yvonne Gomez
- PAC AGM Planning
 - **Motion:** To move the May PAC meeting to Monday, May 25th, following the Grade 6 Welcome Night. **Result:** Approved.

- Grade 6 Welcome Night: Wednesday, May 20th, at 6:30 p.m. Sherie, Liz, and Yvonne will attend to speak about the PAC.
- Gaming Grant Application Deadline (June 30th)
 - **Action:** James to complete the gaming report and submit next year's application by the June 30th deadline.
- [2026 Provincial PAC Conference and AGM](#): The conference is scheduled for April 24–26, 2026, with a registration fee of \$399. **Next Steps:** Plan in January 2027 who may want to attend the following year.
- Teachers' Appreciation Lunch: Yvonne to discuss plans, date, and lead via the PAC WhatsApp chat. Laurie suggested Pro D Day, Friday, May 15th.
- Student Freezie Day: Yvonne to discuss details via the PAC WhatsApp chat. Potential dates are June 22nd or 23rd.
- Liz raised a discussion regarding **The Alex Building Evacuation**. The building across from Kway had to be evacuated over spring break due to flooding and a loss of electricity. CUPE 561 and Kinsight got involved. The question was raised if the PAC could assist in future similar situations. Kway was able to provide grocery gift cards to Kway families residing at [The Alex building](#).
- Sherie requested the purchase of a magnetic board for the special needs room.

10. Adjournment

- **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:34 PM.

Next Kway PAC Meeting: Monday, May 25th, at 6:00 p.m., in the Learning Commons/Library.