

École Kwayhquitlum Middle School PAC Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 3rd, 2025, at 6:30pm
School Learning Commons/Library

Attendance:

- **Online:** Louise Farrell, Eleanor Tso, Elva
- **In Person:** Kristin Bresciani, Yvonne Gomez, Angela Magleo, Liz Carr, Zara Scott, Laurie Sviatko, Rob Heinrichs, Michael Franhel Lopez, Sherri Wardman, Gagandeep Dhillon, James Kerwin

Acknowledgements:

- Appreciation to the staff for their excellent leadership, particularly for the successful Halloween event.
- Special thanks to Mr. Adrian for his effective communication regarding the Halloween party.
- Shout out to Mr. Tan for being the first to submit receipts.
- Recognition to Sarah Wynn and Ms. Sheehan for their outstanding communication with parents of non-verbal children, actively seeking questions and feedback.

Principal's Report (Laurie Sviatko):

- The Friday Halloween event was a success with no reported issues, featuring a costume contest and numerous activities.
- The leadership team extends gratitude to the PAC for funding their new t-shirts.
- Regarding transit, overcrowding in the Kway area, especially on route 172, has been noted. Seven new trips will be added in January.
- Rob will present a wishlist to the PAC in December.
- Volleyball started a month ago and is progressing well.
- A Rainbow Club will be established in the near future to provide a space for students to socialize, play board games, and build community.
- Community partners are actively involved this year:
 - **S.I.S.T.E.R.S.:** A program similar to Big Sisters, focusing on empowerment through activities and mentorship for girls.
 - **Michelle from YMCA:** Works weekly with at-risk individuals.
 - **Friendship Club:** Addresses inquiries about a buddy club for special needs children during recess.
- **Staff Update:** Ian Newberry is on medical leave, and Carly Wardell has been rehired in the interim.

DPAC:

- The October 1st DPAC meeting included a "PAC 101" presentation.
- A suggestion was made to review the bylaws and sign the PAC code of conduct.
 - Laurie will bring more copies to the next meeting.
- Theresa filed our updated bylaws at the end of last year.

Hot Lunch:

- No representation at this meeting.
- The last Subway hot lunch was very successful.

CPF Update:

- A new individual will soon be joining to take on this role.

Budget:

- **Gaming Budget:** \$15,288.74 (annual gaming grant received).
- **General Account:** \$13,268.63 (Munch-a-lunch deposit appears high due to payments made through December, with costs not yet deducted).
- Some teachers have already spent part of their budget. Reimbursements will be processed as receipts are submitted. Laurie will collaborate with the Kway Secretary to provide James with a list of teachers expected to submit expenses.
- Microwaves are on the wishlist; while one per classroom is not feasible, one per pod may be possible in the future. Donations are always welcome.

Old Business:

- **Teacher Wishlists:** Begin addressing individual teacher wishlists as they are submitted.

New Business:

- **Guest Speakers Discussion (Dates/Times):** Several potential suggestions to consider:
 1. **Children of the Street:** Offers free presentations to middle/high school students and parents, available in person or via Zoom. Zara has a contact, and they previously visited last year to teach street smarts.
 2. **Family Smart:** Focuses on mental health, with "together-centered" approaches. Can be in person or via Zoom.
 3. **Kinsight:** Supports families with babies diagnosed early with mental illnesses, offering sibling support groups and parental advocacy (attending meetings, reviewing letters, providing parental aids). A presentation is being considered.
 - **ACTION:** Yvonne will reach out to Kinsight.
 - **MOTION:** To approve moving forward with the speakers series -

APPROVED.

- Aim to begin the series in January or February.

4. **Others:** Any other ideas or concerns.

- **Liaisons: ACTION:** Liz will bring suggestions to the December PAC meeting to discuss the best approach for inviting community interest in a new Liaison role and defining its responsibilities.
- **Screenagers Video:** Reminder to register. The district has covered the cost, so registered parents can view it for free. Rob will send a reminder to parents to register.
- Laurie will add a link to the PAC minutes in the "A Few Things" email.
- **MOTION:** To move the January PAC meeting to the second week of the month -

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Meeting Adjourned: 7:52 PM

Next Kway PAC Meeting: Monday, December 1st, 6:30 PM in the Learning Commons/Library