

PAC General Meeting minutes

Herbert Spencer Parent Advisory Council

April 9, 2025 6:30PM | *Meeting called to order by* Courtney Daws

In Attendance

Courtney Daws | Karyn Audet | Natalie Taha | Renee Nixdorf | Patrick Service | Kimberly Thompson | Anna Scherrelies | Anna Carmichael | Hailey Watkins | Rachel Abercrombie | Amandeep Durha | Nina Priddle | Adam Cotterall | Manisha Rajora | Christina Service | Erin Shaw | Erin Bannister | Danielle Connelly

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34PM.

Land Acknowledgment

We recognise and respect that Herbert Spencer Elementary School is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda as presented, adjusted to add school trustee presentation after approval of minutes: Erin Shaw moved, Christina Service seconded, no abstentions, no oppositions, approved.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of February 2025 Minutes: Renee Nixdorf moved, Karyn Audet seconded, no abstentions, no oppositions, approved.

School Trustee Report | Danielle Connelly

- 25/26 calendar up on the district website now
- Provincial budget released, not a lot added to education for learners
- Feedback from stakeholders held for budget process
- Moving to committee meetings for budgeting
- April 29th budget scheduled to be presented
- Contingency fund needs to be replenished

Correspondence

- Fun lunch mail
- Bursary donation form

Principal's Report | Erin Bannister

- Hopeful that PAC will fund mystery science for the 2025/2026 year, discounted if renewed by deadline.
 - Yes, already budgeted
- Artist in residence proposal (4 days and a performance at the end). Very expensive, logistically difficult for all parents to attend, still in review.
 - Is PAC open to contributing financially
 - Drumming previously paid for by a one time grant during covid
- Welcome to kindergarten schedule being sent out next week.
 - May 1st, looking for volunteers for PAC table
- School wide field trip upcoming to Mundy Park on May 27/28
- Congrats to Simran on her new baby

Chair's Report | Courtney Daws

- New Westminster Family Place
 - THRIVE parent monthly support group for parents of neurodivergent children
- District Equity and Inclusion Calendar is being recirculated for awareness
 - School and PAC to include on the website
- Call for nominations for the PAC executive (April meeting)
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Past Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - DPAC
 - Members at large

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Vice Chair's Report | Karyn Audet

- Parent / Student Education options for 2025/2026
 - Saleema Noon - Sexual health education
 - Paul Davis - online safety partnering with Glenbrook Middle
 - Safer schools - online safety partnering with Glenbrook Middle

Motion to spend up to \$3000 on an online safety education course for the 2025/ 2026 school year. Moved Karyn Audet, seconded Amy Parr no abstentions, no oppositions, approved.

Treasurer's Report | Christina & Patrick Service

- Bank balance healthy
- Gaming grant application coming due for following year
- Cash in flows, on budget

- Budget Committee looking for volunteers in the next few weeks to plan out the 2025/2026 school year budget

DPAC Report I Natalie Taha

- DPAC heading to lobby in Victoria for overcrowding and other pressing issues in our district
- Parent Ed
 - April 17, healthy food and body relationships
 - April 30, sexual exploitation workshop

Committee Reports I Courtney Daws and Karyn Audet

Events Committee (Karyn Audet):

- Parents night out (May 31st) in planning works, tickets coming soon
- Freezie Friday - May 23rd first - possibly an emergency one earlier

Fundraising Committee (Renee Nixdorf):

- Purdys fundraiser \$250
- Created by kids was extremely successful over \$2000 raised
- Family photos went well over \$600
- Little Miss Coffee coming April 14th and 15th 12-4pm
- Neufeld farms opening April 11th

Fun Lunch (Amy Parr and Am Durha)

- Last fun lunch live on munchalunch
 - dairy free option - no cheese option
- Raised over \$5000 from Jan - Mar
- Raised over \$6000 from Sep - Dec

Members Communication/Yearbook Committee (Jen Rhyne):

- Must sell yearbooks!

Grade 5 Committee (Erin Shaw):

- El Santo is providing the lunch for the leaving ceremony
- Waterfight is a go, looking for water blasters
- Decorations
- Grade 5 social on May 13th in the plans - glow in the dark dance

Motion to spend up to \$2700 on the grade 5 social. Moved Patrick Service, seconded Erin Shaw no abstentions, no oppositions, approved.

New Business

Questions and Comments

Next Meeting: May 7, 2025

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:47PM, Courtney Daws moved, Nina Priddle seconded , no abstentions, no oppositions, approved.