

Jessie Wowk Elementary School
PAC Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 15, 2025 5:30pm
In person @ Wowk library

Meeting called to order: 5:30pm

In attendance: Arnold, Michelle, Mozhan, Carey, Victoria, Mabel, Belle, Joy, Jacqueline, April, Karen, Natalie, Nicole, Candy

Regrets: Crystal

1. Land Acknowledgment (Arnold)

2. Welcome and introduction

Co-chairs: Arnold, Michelle

Treasurer: Crystal

Co-secretary: Joy, Karen

Communications: Candy

Event co-ordinator: Natalie

Grad committee chair: Mabel

D-PAC representative: TBD

3. Budget Update: (Crystal)

◇ Deferred

◇ Will go over most up-to-date financial report in detail next meeting

- Current financial standing: \$44151.39
 - Gaming account: \$2108.4
 - Gift from last year's grad committee: \$780
 - Upcoming spending: movie license renewal

4. Discussion items:

◇ Playground (April, Michelle, Arnold)

- Met with selected vendor – Habitat
- New playground will be behind basketball court, next to the path
- Will carry out in 2 phases: 1. climbing/slide structure and spinners, 2. Zipline
- Previous quote was \$120 000, updated quote estimated to be \$50000-60000
- District maintenance will lay foundation/groundwork. There may be slight adjustments depending on approval of plan by district
- aim to have first phase completed by Sept 2026, aim to have fundraising completed by May/June 2026
- Vendor offers support with fundraiser
- Kickoff to fundraising at Thursday's Meet the Community event
- Will bring in student engagement to choose a climbing option
- Will review budget to determine the amount of fundraising required

- encourage parents to reach out to grants and private companies for fundraising opportunities
 - BC Hydro grant received: \$1000
 - * City of Richmond has been contacted to repair wooden playground.
- ◇ Hot lunch program update: (Mable, Michelle)
- Operation will be similar to last year
 - Every Tuesday and Thursday
 - pizza, Subway, pasta, sushi, korean/chinese
 - 3 weeks of pizza option instead of every other week
 - Information in how to order on Munch-a-lunch will be distributed to families once options are confirmed
 - Hot lunch is a PAC-driven initiative. Family volunteers are needed to run the program. Volunteer sign up will be available soon.
- ◇ Fruit and Veggie Program: (Arnold)
- Seeking family volunteers to support distribution once a month
 - Volunteer overseeing the program is required to hold a Food Safe certificate (covered)
 - program for Kindergarten to Grade 3
 - Will connect with Ian to change delivery from Wednesday to Tuesday to coincide with hot lunch day
- ◇ Sexual Health Education with Saleema Noon
- Previous years, gaming fund covered student cost
 - PAC paid for parent information session
 - Saleema Noon invited every other year
 - April will bring item to staff committee for feedback

5. Upcoming events: (Arnold)

- ◇ Meet the community evening
- Thursday, Sept 19, 5-7pm
 - 5:00-5:30pm visit classrooms, 5:30pm gather in gym for introductions and information, 6:00pm pizza picnic at back field, and community gardening to prepare garden beds for fall
 - PAC will sponsor pizzas
 - PAC will set up a meet and greet booth next to pizza tables
- ◇ First movie night
- October 2, 3:00-5:00
- ◇ Winter Fest
- December 12

6. Administrator's update: (April)

- ◇ Book share: <Be a Good Ancestor> by Leona Prince
- Each teacher received a copy, and will use it as Wowk's grounding story this year
 - Hope for our learners this year is to be a good ancestor.
- ◇ School story:
- Literacy will be the focus this year.
 - Reading and writing tied to connections

- ◇ Terry Fox Run
 - All fundraising efforts will be all through the school cash online account
- ◇ Parent conferences
 - Oct 22 and 23
- ◇ Fall sports opportunities
 - District cross country run (Date TBD)
- ◇ School logo
 - Artist, Chase Gray met with all classes last year to collect student voice
 - Official unveiling on September 29
- ◇ Elevate Frisbee
 - Will happen in May
- ◇ Wowk won Participi-Action Initiative
 - \$500 prize money will go towards pickle ball equipment
- ◇ School seeking PAC support whole school fieldtrip
 - Plan for June
 - Garry Point or Iona Beach
 - Connection to local environment
- ◇ Artist visit
 - Planning for January program

Note: PAC meetings will be on the first Monday of every month, 5:30-6:30pm. If Monday falls on a statutory holiday, meeting will be on the following Monday.

Meeting adjourned: 6:30pm

Next meeting: Monday, October 6, 5:30-6:30pm