

Monday, October 6th, 2025 5:00pm

In person @ Wowk library

Meeting called to order: 5:00pm

Prepared by: Joy

In attendance: April, Arnold, Michelle, Joy, Jennifer, Mabel, Victoria, Belle, Natalie, Candy

Regrets: Crystal, Karen

1. Land Acknowledgment (April)

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the *hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓* (hun-ki-meen-um) language group, on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn, and live.

Noted: Salal berries in the courtyard, a property they have is to return nutrients to promote plants survival.

2. Hot Lunch Program (Mable, Michelle)

- Enough volunteers have signed up for the first couple months (via Sign-Up link on website and WhatsApp)
- Poster being made to recruit additional parent volunteers
- Exploring adding another day of hot lunch per week
- Friday Afterschool Options:
 - Bubble Tea*
 - Proposed once every two months
 - 4–5 flavour options
 - Vendor: Peanut's Bubble Tea (Richmond Public Market).
 - Car's Dessert*
 - Offering 2 mochi per pack
- Hot lunch will remain the same

Note: Subway has discontinued 4" subs — now offering 6" only. Looking to negotiate to keep the 4"

3. Budget Update: (Michelle)

- ◇ Crystal sent us budget for 2025-2026
 - Gaming Grant over \$5,000, frisbee program (\$3,150)
- Allocations/Proposals:
 - Music \$150
 - Field Trips \$1,000
 - Indigenous Dance Group (Story & Dance) \$1,300

- Grads \$2,000
- Future Playground Allocation TBD
- Teacher Wishlist & Appreciation
- Upcoming Event Fundraising: Walkathon, Movie Night
- Sports Day lunch- Note: food trucks caused delays; PAC will consider hot lunch pre-orders instead with no on-site orders

4. Playground Update (April, Arnold, Michelle)

- No updates on new school playground yet
- Richmond City playground: petition draft in progress
- Plan to circulate online for parent signatures
- City was responsive to previous repair requests made by April

5. Upcoming events: (Arnold, Natalie)

Winter Fest

- Budget planning and food ordering in progress
- Grade 7 Grads will run a bake sale and games (same as previous years)
- Free family activities planning to include:
 - Tattoos
 - Colouring pages
 - Santa photo station (TBD)
 - Book giveaway
 - Craft station
- Balloon twisting, replacing magician
- May not include Santa photo this year, not utilized enough last year
- Considering karaoke and DJ/music for dance party
- DJ possibly for a future event instead (expensive — still under consideration)
- Approx. \$1,500 budgeted (same as previous years).
- Donations:
 - Reminders will go out soon
 - QR codes on website
 - Donation box at event
- Playground fundraising awareness: Display plans at the event
- 50/50 Raffle: Application underway; ticket sales to start one month in advance
- Volunteers Needed:
 - Grade 7 group sign-ups
 - Potential alumni helpers
 - Cleanup/takedown timeslots
- Note: Event is for Wowk families only (siblings welcome) due to food order limitations

Chinese/Lunar New Year

- Planning underway; more details to follow

6. Principal's update: (April)

Student Leadership (Div. 1–3: Grades 5–7)

- Students are taking on more leadership roles
- Student Fundraising Committee formed
 - Oct 20–21 Bake Sale: 100% proceeds to Richmond Children's Charity
 - 2–3 meetings/year; more frequent before events
 - Students rotate roles, not all 40 attend at once
- Halloween & Spirit Week: Oct 27 –Nov 3
 - Partnership with Hugh Boyd Secondary for themed activities
- Cross Country & Volleyball
 - Cross Country Meet: Oct 29 (Wednesdays)
 - Practices twice a week at lunch
 - Grades 1–7
 - Permission forms will be sent home
- Cedar Weaving Workshop was held on Pro D Day for staff

Outdoor Education

- Outdoor Ed costing, overnight trip estimate \$472/2 nights
- Snowshoeing considered a better low-risk winter option
- Skiing deemed too high-risk during school hours; must be teacher-led if pursued
- District focusing on equity piece for program
- Ongoing conversations about viewing outdoor learning through various lenses

Literacy Focus

- Encouraging deeper thinking skills as part of school-wide literacy efforts

Monthly Learning Celebrations

- Continuing monthly recognition events to showcase student learning
 - School Story/Theme - BE A BRIDGE

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:06pm

Next meeting: Monday, November 3rd, 5:30-6:30pm